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## Preface (A Word to the Reader)

**“Be Inspired”** can be described as **spiritual wisdom and inspiration from above.** It will minister comfort to your soul and set your heart on fire for God. It contains divine capsules that offer healing to the brokenhearted and give hope to the hopeless. By design, it can be used as a 31-day devotional and a quick help guide, walking you through various seasons of your life.

By it's topical design, it need not be read from cover to cover like a story book; readers can simply jump to any chapter/topic of interest and just digest the word. Pastors and ministers of the gospel will also find this book really helpful as the exhortations contained herein can be expanded into full blown sermons that will be a great delight to their hearers.

In essence, **“Be Inspired”** is a book meant for everyone no matter at what point one may be in their walk with God: new entrants into the faith, a growing believer, mature christian, or a father in the faith. Whatever your spiritual achievement, you will find this book greatly useful.

But needless to say, this book has also been intentionally written as an evangelistic tool to reach out to hungry souls yearning to know the Lord. In view of that, there's a call for surrender at the end of each chapter with divine insight and direction for the newly saved.

It is my prayer that you will encounter God afresh as you journey through the pages of this book, In Jesus name, Amen!

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*“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.” – Psalm 68:11*

In essence God, the giver of the Word, deserves all the glory. We will have nothing to publish if He did not give the Word. What He inspired, is what we have been able to write. So once again, to God be the glory!

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## -- Chapter 1 --

### You Must Be Born Again

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

*Marvel not that I said unto thee, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN – John 3:7*

#### But Why is Your Salvation a MUST?

Because, according to scripture, it is our only way of escape. The word of the Lord said in Hebrews 2:3:

*How shall we ESCAPE, if we neglect So Great Salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

But escape from what? one may ask

#1. Escape from Satan's Kingdom

Colosians 1:13:

*Who hath DELIVERED us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the KINGDOM of HIS DEAR SON:*

By new birth/salvation/redemption we are delivered from the power or kingdom of darkness (that is Satan's Kingdom) and translated into the kingdom of His dear son (Jesus' kingdom also known as the kingdom of God). Salvation is a deliverance from the kingdom/power of darkness to the kingdom of Christ. So until one receives salvation, he/she is a prisoner/captive in the Kingdom/power of darkness (a prisoner in satan's kingdom).

*Ephesians 5:8:*

*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

It is clear that until one is saved, he/she is not only a captive of the kingdom of darkness, he/she is described as Darkness itself.

***“For ye were sometimes darkness...”***

That's why it's a "So great Salvation" as described in Hebrews 2:3. Because you're changed from darkness to light. It says, you were **sometimes darkness**, but **now are you light in the Lord** (Ephesians 5:8). Someone's escape is happening right now in the name of Jesus.

## #2. Escape from Curses into the Blessing

What happens when one is saved?

### Galasians 3:13-14:

[13] *Christ hath redeemed us from THE CURSE of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

[14] *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Through salvation, we are redeemed from the curse; Jesus took on the curse for us. By hanging on the cross, He became a curse on our behalf so we may inherit the blessing. That is, we become inheritors of the blessing of Abraham. Now what's that?

### Galasians 3:29:

*And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and HEIRS according to the promise.*

What did God promise Abraham?

### Genesis 12:1-3

[1] *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

[2] *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

[3] *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Testimony of how a young man escaped a curse of accident after receiving Jesus. This testimony was encountered in the course of a pastoral mission several years ago. The young man gave his life to Christ during a gospel outreach and honored our invitation to be in church the immediate Sunday. On a follow-up to his home that week, we were told by the mother of the new convert that one fellow had placed a curse/spell on her son that he would be knocked down by a vehicle. But interestingly, after the son came to church, same week they got news that the fellow that cursed him was rather knocked down by a car.

*Your escape from curses, spells and enchantments is settled today in the name of Jesus!*

That means until one is saved they are still under the curse (both the curse of the law and other curses of life). May you escape from curses into blessings today!

*Genesis 24:1:*

*And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.*

Abraham was blessed All-Round – "blessed in all things", and that's your story from now on in the name of Jesus!

What else do we escape from through the Salvation that Jesus purchased for us?

### **#3. Escape from God's righteous judgement/eternal damnation**

Let us see it directly as it is in scripture:

*Mark 16:16*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be DAMNED.*

*John 3:18 :*

*He that believeth on him is NOT CONDEMNED: but he that believeth not IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

*John 3:36:*

*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but THE WRATH OF GOD abideth on him.*

*2<sup>d</sup> Timothy 4:1:*

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD at his appearing and his kingdom;*

*Hebrews 10:31:*

*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

However, when one is saved, the word says:

*There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to them which are in Christ Jesus... (Romans 8:1)*

Salvation is our only escape from condemnation or damnation.

For someone reading this message now, it's time to run to Jesus! Run into His loving arms. John 3:16 says:

*For God SO LOVED THE WORLD, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Jesus wants to save you from condemnation and eternal judgment/destruction.

**let's PRAY:**

If you would like to receive salvation, please say this prayer:

Jesus Save my soul; and wash my sins with your precious blood.  
Thank you Jesus for saving me.

**Amen.**

**Congratulations** if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgiven and forgotten. Check this:

*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. (Isaiah 43:25)*

*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more (Hebrews 8:12)*

You are also encouraged to join a Bible Based Church near you, in case you're not in one already, where you can grow in the Lord (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:10).

Remain ever blessed.

**Jesus is Lord!**

## -- Chapter 2 --

### Amazing Worth of a Believer

Have you ever wondered that the worth of a thing is equal to the price tag on it? In other words, how much you're willing to pay for something is your assessment of it's worth. Thus, how much your employer is willing to pay you, for instance, is their assessment of your worth. Now, how nice is that? Believe it or not your salary is equal to your worth as far as your employer is concerned. So assuming you earn say \$50 a month, it means your boss did an evaluation of your abilities, skills, or competencies and decided to price it at \$50.

But I have good news for you. Your worth is not determined by your pay check, neither is it measured by what you have, nor by occupying a position in society. **Your worth is equal to the blood of Jesus.** Hallelujah! Bible says we were "**...bought with a price...**" (*1Cor 7:23*). What was that price? It was the blood of the Son of the Living God. Can you imagine? That's how valuable you are.

So treat yourself like a king. Because that's exactly who you are: you are a king because your Father is the King of kings.

*Revelations 5:9 & 10:*

*"...For You [Christ] were **slain**, And have redeemed us to God by Your **blood** out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us **kings** and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth".* (NKJV)

**Amplified version makes it even clearer:**

*"...with Your **blood** You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!"* (AMP)

The creator of the universe wanted you so much so He paid the highest price—His own blood—to get you. Wow!

Meanwhile, if you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord then you're exempted from this rare honor. But right now you can join the company of **priceless believers** all over the world by saying this simple prayer:

*Jesus, I believe you're the Son of God. You paid the highest price for my redemption. Today, I receive you into my heart as my saviour and my Lord. Henceforth, I know I am born again; I am a Child of God. I am a new creation. I have eternal life. I am righteous. Thank you Lord! Amen!*

Now, how valuable are you?

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## -- Chapter 3 --

### The Power of Love

Love is the most powerful force in the universe (**1st Corinthians 13:13**). Love can move any mountain—name it! God's kind of love is an unshakable force that can break through any barricade or stronghold. This love says "***Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good***" (**Romans 12:21**). In other words, don't repay evil with evil; repay evil with good. Bless when they curse. And when they throw evil at you, quench it with the shield of faith and answer with good. The world only gets worse when we practice tit for tat.

I know of no other force that changes people than the force of love.

It will change even the vilest person:

It turns sinners into saints;

It turns a nasty husband into a loving, more compassionate one;

It turns a mean, insubordinate wife to a humble, submissive one;

It turns a rebellious child into a humble, sober one.

No wonder scripture says, "***Many waters cannot quench love...***" (**Songs of Solomon 8:7**). If love could be quenched then God can be quenched.

Because **God is love** (**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:16**). That's why love is so powerful. So when you engage this potent weapon, no devil can stop you.

#### 13 key characteristics of love (based on 1st Corinthians 13)

1. Love does not base her actions on what the other person is doing. Love just loves
2. Love does not expect anything in return
3. Love is proactive; not reactive
4. Love covers all sins (**Proverbs 10:12**); it does not expose the sins/errors of the other person
5. Love is tenderhearted and quick to forgive
6. Love is patient and long-suffering—perhaps the most crucial attribute. It does not give up easily on people
7. Love gives room for error—it does not crucify people for doing wrong
8. Love allows people to be themselves
9. Love gives room for the other person to grow
10. Love is attractive—it pulls like magnet. That's why Jesus Christ (who is Love Himself) drew so much crowd during His earthly ministry (**see Matthew 4:25, Matthew 8:1, Luke 5:15**)
11. Love assumes/thinks the best of people
12. Many waters cannot quench love—love never fails
13. And the ultimate: **Love is a choice:**

It is not a feeling or emotion. It is purely a choice. I believe this is what really makes love what it is.

***“While we were yet sinners, Christ [chose to die] for us” (Rom 5:8, Paraphrased).*** He did not “feel” like dying—remember His prayer in the garden of Gethsemane—yet He chose to let the will of His Father be done (Matt 26:39–42).

With this eternal force at work in our lives, we can conquer the world!

Now, let us round up with a text from 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:9. It says:

***In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.***

It's clear from the text that Jesus Christ (the only begotten Son of God) is God's love manifested to humanity. That means, our journey into a love walk begins with accepting Jesus Christ (i.e. God's love) into our hearts. If you desire to do so, then **may I invite you to say the following prayer and mean it from your heart:**

***I believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to die for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord for saving me. Amen!***

Congratulations if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

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-- Chapter 4 --

## A Revelation of Psalm 24 Will Open Strange Doors!

### *Psalm 24:1&7*

*The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein...Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof**

If you're a believer, God who is your father; owns the earth. That means you are not a stranger anywhere you go; and no one can make you feel like a stranger. Anywhere you step is your fathers' property/domain.

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof*

*The world and they that dwell therein*

So for instance, you're not going for an interview for a job as a beggar. You're going there to possess your possession, because that organization is owned by your father (God).

*The earth is the Lord's and the FULLNESS THEREOF*

You cannot enter a place and be rejected; You enter with a takeover mentality. So no door can be shut on you. Every door opens for you anywhere you go.

### Marital doors will open

Your father (the owner of the earth) is the king of kings.. If the president's son wants to marry, should he have a problem finding one? When the king of Persia wanted to marry, and the announcement was made, there were multitudes of applicants; that's how Esther was found (see Esther 2).

So begin to see yourself as the king's daughter. Begin to see yourself as the king's son. See yourself as an attraction. See yourself worthy to be married (It's a privilege to marry the prince or the princess). So anyone who dumped you, just lost that privilege.

And you know something? The king's daughter or son will always carry herself or himself with a sense of dignity. So carry yourself with a sense of dignity then you will begin to attract men and women of dignity.

What are we saying?

**Your father owns the earth; so you cannot be stranded on the earth.**  
It is your mentality that determines your actuality. Your mental

picture is what determines your actual future. So If you can think in line with this truth, your struggles have ended.

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof...*

So,

### Career Doors will open

For example, a christian sister went to a guest house to look for a job. By God's unusual favour, she got the job same day as receptionist with free accommodation. Very humorously she was employed before she was now handed an A4 sheet to write the application letter (just for the formalities). There's another case concerning a christian brother who got a job in a place where there was no vacancy but as he pressed by faith a new department was created for him.

**Even where there is no vacancy, God will opens doors for you!**

When your father owns the earth, there's a place for you anywhere you go. He can connect you anywhere because he owns the earth.

### Financial doors will open

God said:

*“... the Silver is mine; and the gold is mine saith the Lord of host.” – Hagg 2:8*

He also said:

*“The Cattle on a thousand hills are mine” – Psalm 50:10*

So you have access to material resources because they belong to your heavenly Father. He will not deny you of them. You will not die in Lack and want because your Father owns the earth.

### Educational Doors will open

*The earth is the Lord's and the FULLNESS THERE OF; the world and they that dwell therein.*

As a student, your father who owns the earth, owns all the educational institutions on the earth. So all educational doors must open. Regardless of examination outcomes, there's automatic admission into any institution for the president's child. You're the son or daughter of the president of the universe.

*So there shall be divine connections for you to any institution of your choice in the name of Jesus.*

One brother in Ghana had two admissions after some years of waiting. When God stepped in, the doors flung wide opened for him. He got one admission at a prestigious University, and another to a Nurses training school at the North; so he was now torn between the two options. You shall not struggle to advance in your education in Jesus name. You'll never have to pay a bribe for any reason to go further in your education or the education of your wards in Jesus name.

Meanwhile, to become a partaker of these blessings, God must become your father.

When God who owns the earth becomes your Father, then all doors begin to fling open for you. And that comes by accepting His son Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior.

**So let us pray:** (Please say this prayer loud and clear):

*Lord Jesus, I come to you today; I believe you died on the cross for my sins.*

*Now I accept you into my heart as my Lord and personal saviour.*

*Wash me and cleanse me of my sins with your precious blood and make me a new person.*

*Now I know I am born again. I am a new creation. Old things have passed away, and all things are become now.*

*Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen!*

Congratulations if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

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We encourage you to join a bible based church near you where you can grow in the Lord (**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:10**) .

Remain ever blessed.

*Jesus is Lord*

-- Chapter 5 --

## How To Know The Word Of The Lord For You

NOT Every Word you hear (read, see, encounter, etc) is necessarily God's Word for you.

*Psalm 105:19:*

*until the time that HIS WORD came: the word of the LORD tried him.*

So God has a (particular) word addressed to you.

*Until the time that “his Word” came...*

“His Word”

So how do you know what Word you encounter is Your Word?

### #1. It is the Sent Word

Psalm 107:20

*He SENT his word, and healed THEM, and delivered THEM from their destructions.*

So not every sent word is God's Word to you; God always sends His Word to someone or a group of people.

So,

### #2. It is the Right Word

*How forcible are RIGHT WORDS! – Job 6:25*

It may be a SENT Word, but is it must be the RIGHT word for you.

So,

### #3. It's the Word In Season

Isaiah 50:4:

*The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak A WORD IN SEASON to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth MINE EAR TO HEAR as the learned.*

It is the word that fits perfectly into the particular season of your life. It is a timely word; a word you can perfectly identify with (or that identifies with your situation).

Then

#### #4. It is a joyful Word

*Psalm 89:15:*

*Blessed is the people that know THE JOYFUL SOUND: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.*

It is the Word that springs joy in your heart; It's not the word that grieves your spirit.

*Jeremiah 15:16:*

*Thy WORDS were found, and I did eat THEM; and THY WORD was unto me the JOY and REJOICING of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*

See this:

*Thy WORDS [plural] were found*

And it says "*I did eat THEM* [ still plural]

But out of the abundance of the WORDS found, he said:

*And THY WORD [now Singular] was unto me the JOY and REJOICING of mine heart;*

So the Prophet Jeremiah was saying here in this text that LORD out of all the WORDS that you spoke to me, there's a particular WORD that really rejoiced my heart. That's what we call RHEMA. RHEMA will rejoice your heart. Whether it's a doctrine, instruction, rebuke, correction, reprove or a prophecy; if it is your WORD, it will soothe your spirit (2<sup>nd</sup>Timothy 3:16, 2<sup>nd</sup>Peter 1:18-21). Bible said concerning Philip the evangelist (Act 21:8b):

*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and PREACHED CHRIST unto them... And there was GREAT JOY in that city-Act 8:5/8*

When he preached the Word sent (meant) for the people of that city, there was great Joy in the city.

So how do you know God's Word for you?

It is the Sent word to you. It is the right word for you.

It is the Word in Season (the Word that fits perfectly into that season of your life)

It is the Word that springs joy in your heart (for the voice of the Lord is a joyful sound)

### **Application**

Whenever you read your bible or an anointed book, listen to an audio teaching or watch a message on video, keep reading, keep listening, keep watching until you hear the “Joyful Sound” (I.e. the Word for you). So if it’s a book you’re reading for instance, you may not encounter your WORD in chapter 1 or 2. it may be in chapter 5 or 8 or even in the preface or introduction.

Even if it’s the raw bible you’re reading, your WORD is not in the whole bible (I.e. from Genesis to Revelation which is LOGOS). Your word for that season of life may be just a verse or a few verses of scripture. It may be a lesson in a whole book of the bible perhaps. It may be in the New Testament or Old Testament or verses of scripture in both.

If you’re in church, hearing a message being preached to you, your WORD may not be the whole message. It may come at the beginning, it may be in the middle somewhere or somewhere towards the end. It may be just a statement made or a scripture shared that springs joy in your heart. Catch it and run with it;

*The Lord SENT A WORD into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. Isaiah 9:8*

## -- Chapter 6 --

### Walking In The Blessings of Abraham – Part 1

Everyone that is redeemed is a seed of Abraham and therefore has an entitlement to Abraham's blessing.

Galasians 3:29:

*And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

In Galasians 3:13-14:

*[13] Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

*[14] That THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ...*

*Isaiah 51:1-2*

*[1] Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

*[2] LOOK UNTO ABRAHAM your FATHER, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and BLESSED him, and INCREASED him.*

Now Abraham in this scripture is being referred to as our father. Also, remember according to Galasians 3:29, anyone in Christ is a seed of Abraham. That means, everyone redeemed (born again) has a heritage in Abraham. He's our father in faith. And the Word says:

*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children...  
(Proverbs 13:22)*

So Abraham our Father (who was a good man) left an inheritance for us; an inheritance of Blessing.

*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law that the blessing of Abraham should come upon us (Galasians 3:13-14 paraphrased).*

Again the word says to look unto Abraham our father, because he is blessed (Isaiah 51:2). That means Abraham is God's standard of blessing for the redeemed.

So What is the blessing of Abraham (or what is our heritage in Abraham)?

We realize from scripture that most often than not, God releases blessings by making proclamations!

For instance in Genesis, God blessed man after creating him.

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*And God BLESSED them, and God SAID UNTO THEM, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. -Genesis 1:27-28*

Also see this account in Numbers 6:22-25:

- [22] *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
- [23] *Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall BLESS the children of Israel, SAYING unto them,*
- [24] *The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:*
- [25] *The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*
- [26] *The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

In other words, God was saying, you will bless by making proclamations:

“ye shall bless...saying...”

So we realize in Genesis 12:2-3, God in blessing Abraham, said to him:

*[2] And I will make of thee a GREAT NATION, and I will bless thee, and make thy NAME GREAT; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*[3] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

So from these statements, we try to identify some of the blessings as declared upon Abraham.

### #1. The Blessing of Greatness

#### ✓ A great name

God said to him, *I will make your name great (Genesis 12:2);*

In the name of Jesus, your name will be among the great names on the earth;

#### ✓ A great Nation

Inside every redeemed child of God is a great Nation. We see this prophetic Word, concerning the end-time saint:

*A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong Nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time. --Isaiah 60:22*

As God's Apostle and Prophet Dr. David Oyedepo has often said: *there will be men like Nations in these last days.*

That is to say, inside you a believer is the potential of a Nation. Now we're talking about what God declared concerning Abraham. And we have this account in scripture that even long before he (Abraham) ever became the Nation called Israel, his ability in warfare was stronger than that of five (5) nations combined (see Genesis 14:1-17).

We're told that Abraham with a private army of only 318 men (servants born and trained in his house) took over the battle against four (4) kings/nations which five (5) kings/nations joined together had lost, and won it. That is 318 men challenged armies of several thousands of troops and made a mess of them.

That is an unusually great man. And that's everyone's destiny in Christ.

*So note this: you will not end your journey small. You will be so great; even greater than nations.*

As a contemporary example, we have a man of God in the US who has more than Eighty (80) million followers on facebook. That is several times the population of some nations in West Africa and other parts of the world. That is one man who's influence is far bigger than a nation. That looks like the divine ordination for every redeemed child of God.

So everyone redeemed is ordained to be great. And you shall be great in the name of Jesus.

What's next about Abraham's Blessings?

## #2. An Agent of Blessing on the Earth

God said to him:

*“...thou shalt be a blessing..” Genesis 12 vs 2*

We were told in Genesis twelve (12) that when God called him to depart from his country to an appointed place, he did not only go with his immediate relatives, he went along with some needy souls.

**Abraham was a shelter to the helpless!**

*Genesis 12:4-5:*

*[4] So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.*

*[5] And ABRAM took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and THE SOULS that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.*

**He was a shelter to the helpless;**

From scripture, we can estimate the probability of over 600 people living under Abraham's roof, and feeding from his account (*Genesis 14:14*). His army alone was made up of **318** trained **servants** (**not relatives**) born in his house. Now in those days, women did not go to battle; they stayed back at home and watched over the children. So that account of 318 servants is minus women and children. Consider that usually, women are often more than men in most gatherings; then include children. So we can estimate Abraham's household at the time of between 600 and 1000 people.

Like Abraham you will not only be blessed, but you will be a channel/agent of blessing to others!

God went further to proclaim over him

*“... in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3)*

Remember how he with his private army alone (an army of 318 men only) became a blessing to five (5) nations, as they took up a battle that those five (5) nations could not handle and won it (Gen 14:1-17)

In the name of Jesus, Like Abraham, you shall be a blessing unto nations.

### #3. The blessing of Preservation

God said to Abraham

*“I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...” – Genesis 12:3*

*Zechariah 2:8*

*For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.*

You like Abraham are the Apple of God's eye. So whatever touches you touches God. So any thing that comes against you, it's God that will react. In **Genesis 20**, we see the account of How God reacted dangerously against a king known as Abimelech for touching what belonged to Abraham. God plagued Abimelech's household. Abraham had to pray to God before the plague was lifted.

Now the word says, you are a seed of Abraham and an heir of the same promise. Therefore you're entitled to this order of God's preservation over your life. You, all that belongs to you and all that concerns you will flow in this order of blessing from now. God's hand of preservation comes upon you and all that concerns you from now in the name of Jesus.

### #4. Supernatural Fruitfulness

*"I.. will multiply thee exceedingly" – Genesis 17:2b*

*"... I will make thee EXCEEDING FRUITFUL" – Genesis 17:6*

You are ordained for exceeding fruitfulness. Fruitfulness in every department of your life--I.e in the works of your hand, family life, mentally, etc.

You will be birthing new things as you're advancing in years (fruitfulness to your old age).

Psalm 92:12–15 says:

*[12] The RIGHTEOUS shall FLOURISH like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

*[13] Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

*[14] They shall STILL BRING FORTH FRUIT in OLD AGE; they shall BE FAT AND FLOURISHING;*

*[15] To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

The righteous is referring to the redeemed. We're the righteousness of God who are in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21). And God has ordained that you'll be fruitful all-through life even to your old age. He has ordained that you live an ever-flourishing/fruitful life. Imagine that Abraham at past 75 years was leading a private army to war(that is exceedingly fruitful). And he was still seeing visions of a great future at that age--naturally, many at that age have already retired (I.e. they have stopped producing anything).

**In the name of Jesus You will never lose relevance, no matter your age!**

This blessing also includes the essential part of the fruit of the womb (or child bearing). Abraham began having children after 75years. So good-news is that you're not late sir/madam. Actually the promise child came when Abraham and Sarah were about 100 and 90years respectively. So it's not too late for you in case you're covenantly married. God said "...I am the Lord I change not..." (*Malachi 3:6*).

For instance, we have heard and read diverse testimonies of married couples in the kingdom who have waited on the Lord for children some

5years, some 10years some 20years and even beyond that. The most staggering was that of a couple (wife past 60 and husband past 70) who delivered twins (that is after so many years of marriage). They're the Sarah and Abraham of our days. These testimonies include medically impossible cases (such as the one just mentioned: husband past 70, wife past 60--past menopause).

There's been cases like pregnancy coming out of fibroid, infertility, and cases of damaged organs like ovaries, Fallopian tubes, etc yet resulting in supernatural childbirth.

The birth of one of my children for instance, came out of a case of ovarian cyst (the report said a "huge cyst" was found in the womb). Yet that could not stop the miracle child that came forth after nine (9) months (the cyst actually disappeared).

God's word stands forever. When the Word says you shall be fruitful-- then it's settled--cyst or no cyst, Fallopian tube or no Fallopian tube, infertility or not, menopause or papapause (does not matter). **So no negative medical verdict can annul the verdict passed by God over Abraham and his seed.**

**You shall be exceedingly fruitful in the name of Jesus.**

#### **#5. Generational Honor**

*...thou shalt be a FATHER Of MANY NATIONS...for a FATHER OF MANY NATIONS have I made thee... - Genesis 17:4 & 5*

Fatherhood in itself is an honor; now to be a father of many nations is honor beyond measure - honor extraordinaire. And this honor continues to generations:

*And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee IN THEIR GENERATIONS for an EVERLASTING covenant*

Think of men like **Billy Graham, Reinhard Bonke and TL Osborn** among others. What do their names represent? Father of nations of course. These are men that God used to bring millions across many nations to the Lord. They are spiritual fathers in the hearts of many in several nations spanning several continents of this world.

And that's a picture of the redeemed. Your impact will span many nations. Many in diverse nations will look up to you as a Father.

## #6. The Blessing of Royalty

God said to Abraham in verse 6 of Genesis 17:

*“...KINGS shall come out of thee.”*

That's why we're told in scripture (in Revelations 5:10) that every one that is saved is redeemed as a **King** and priest to reign on the earth. So You belong to royal blood. Actually, we are called a **Royal priesthood**.

*1Pet 2:9:*

*But ye are a chosen generation, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

You will not live an ordinary life anymore; Your royal status is coming alive from today!

## #7. The Blessing of Dominion

After Abraham gave his only son Isaac on the altar of Sacrifice (in a figure), God swore this blessing over him:

*Genesis 22:16–17:*

*[16] And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:*

*[17] That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES;*

Remember when one is saved, he's the seed of Abraham (Galasians 3:29). So as Abraham's seed we're ordained to possess the gates of our enemies. **That is unparalleled dominion;**

E. g. Sampson (a seed of Abraham) could uproot the city gate of his enemies and carry it on his shoulders to the top of a hill (Judges 16:2–3). Bible says while the enemy was in waiting to kill him in the morning, he took them by surprise at midnight. That is, he possessed the gate of his enemy literally.

According to scripture, we're ordained to rule in the midst of our enemies;

*Psalm 110:1-2:*

*The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

*[2] The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

That is dominion!

From now on, you'll be advancing while your enemies are watching!

*Many reading this now, you'll be doing business at the gate of your enemies (that is to say, the proximity to your enemy notwithstanding, your exploits will be unquestionable).*

God said: He will set a table before us in the presence of our enemies (Psalm 23:5). So your days of running away from enemies is over.

Dominion is the the heritage of every seed of Abraham. And that becomes your story from now on in Jesus precious name. Amen!

**let's PRAY:**

If you would like to be saved, please say this prayer:

Jesus Save my soul; and wash my sins with your precious blood.  
Thank you Jesus for saving me.  
Amen.

**Congratulations!** if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. (Isaiah 43:25)*

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**Jesus is Lord!**

## -- Chapter 7 --

### Walking In The Blessings Of Abraham – Part 2

Galasians 3: 13-14:

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In Isaiah 51:1-2, it says:

[1] *Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

[2] *LOOK UNTO ABRAHAM your FATHER, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and BLESSED him, and INCREASED him.*

In other words, look at Abraham your father; look at the way I blessed him. I want to bless you in like manner. So Abraham is God's pattern of blessing for the redeemed. Everyone that is saved/born again is redeemed to partake of the blessings of Abraham;

We've been exploring details of that blessing in the last chapter.

Here's a quick review of what we discussed:

We identified about 7 dimensions in which Abraham was Blessed

- ✓ (1)The blessing of Greatness
- ✓ (2)An Agent of Blessing
- ✓ (3)The Blessing of Preservation

For instance God said concerning the blessed in Job 22:25

*Yea, THE ALMIGHTY shall be THY DEFENCE, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.*

When God blesses, he defends/protects the blessed -- so they can enjoy the blessing

- ✓ (4) The blessing of Supernatural Fruitfulness
- ✓ (5) The blessing of Generational Honor
- ✓ (6) The blessing of Royalty

and

- ✓ (7) The blessing of Dominion

So we continue in this chapter;

How was Abraham blessed?

#### #8. Abraham was blessed with Riches

*Genesis 13:2:*

*And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.*

This is talking about material blessings

**1Timothy 6:17:**

*Charge them that are RICH in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us RICHLY all things to enjoy;*

God does not want any of his children to be materialistic or to put our confidence in riches, however, He made them for our enjoyment.

***And Abraham was very rich....***

He had material things--precious things (like silver and gold) in excess. Solomon, a seed of Abraham, for instance, had a regular supply of gold and other precious things that were shipped to him from time to time (see 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 10:14-15/22-23/25).

Now did you say you are a seed of Abraham (a child of the living God)? then relax, you have not seen riches yet -- you are going to have it in excess. It's your father God that said "***The Silver is mine, and the gold is mine..." (Hagg 2:8)***. And you're His child (if you've given your life to Christ) and He wants you to have it; to use it for his glory! The Word of the Lord further states in **Psalm 24:1**,

***"The earth is the Lord's and THE FULLNESS THEREOF. The WORLD and all they that dwell therein"***

That is, your Heavenly Father owns the earth (the World and everything in it). I don't think there's anything in it that He cannot give you (as His child/son/daughter). God actually said in 1 Cor 3:21,

***"...for All THINGS are yours"***

This is actually an aspect of the gospel that Jesus came to preach. In His manifesto in Luke 4:18, he said:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to PREACH the GOSPEL to THE POOR...*

And what's the gospel to the poor? That the poor will be rich of course.

*2Corinthians 8:9:*

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR, that YE THROUGH HIS POVERTY MIGHT BE RICH.*

So like Abraham was rich, you (in Christ) who are a seed of Abraham will also be rich. Therefore, salvation/redemption is a cure for poverty; it makes you a seed of Abraham, thereby connecting you to the blessings of Abraham (which includes Riches).

What's more about Abraham's Blessings?

#### #9. The Blessing of Global, Trans-Generational Impact

God said to Abraham in Gen 12:3:

*.... and IN THEE shall ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH be blessed.*

You mean “All Families of the Earth” will be blessed through one man? God repeated it again in Genesis 22 for double assurance:

*...By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, .... in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Gen 22:16)*

“In thy Seed” that's referring to the redeemed.

**Galasians 3:29 – “if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise”**

That means in you (the redeemed) shall all families/nations of the earth be blessed. And that was a sworn blessing. God said: ... *By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD... (Gen 22:16)*. So it's a sworn blessing; unbreakable, indisputable, undeniable and unchangeable. Not one devil under heaven can alter that word. A consortium of witches and wizards cannot dare it. An amalgamation of evil forces cannot render it null and void. A conglomerate of satanic organizations are

utterly helpless in this matter. Neither will a conspiracy of men and women do anything about it; It is settled forever.

This is the worth of a redeemed soul. They are men and women ordained by God for global, trans-generational impact. So it doesn't matter which corner of the world you were born in, your impact/influence will span the globe. Because inside you is a global potential. You're not ordained for local championship; you're ordained for global trans-generational influence. It doesn't matter what field of endeavor, your name in that field will ring a bell across the nations of the earth – that's what God said!

From the Bible, we think of **Names Like Job** (a seed of Abraham). His Business Empire (in his days) was the greatest in all of Asia.

Job 1:1-3:

- (1) *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*
- (2) *And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.*
- (3) *His SUBSTANCE also was Seven Thousand Sheep, and Three Thousand camels, and Five Hundred Yoke Of Oxen, and Five Hundred She Asses, and a Very Great Household; so that THIS MAN WAS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE MEN of the EAST.*

Think also of the man **Paul the Apostle**, a seed of Abraham both by natural and spiritual descent. By natural descent, he was a Jew; by spiritual descent, a Christian/believer -- got saved on the way to Damascus (see Acts 9:22/27, Acts 22:6-10). And not only did Paul's ministry impact the Jewish world; within two years, the entire continent of Asia came under the dominion of his ministry.

Act 19:6-10:

*[6] And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

*[9]...he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*

*[10] And this continued by the space of two years; so that ALL THEY WHICH DWELT IN ASIA HEARD THE WORD of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*

That's a global star; he was impacting the world from one location. And till Jesus returns, everyone who is saved will be blessed through the ministry of Paul – since he wrote about Two-Third of the New Testament (I. e. Two-Third of the new testament is a revelation handed over to one man).

Now since new testament days, the World has seen the rise of men like Abraham. Men and women whose lives and ministries have had a positive impact on millions around the world. Men who have outlived their time; And long after they've left the scene (physically speaking), their legacy is still blessing multitudes around the world. They are Christian men and women, not only in ministry but in various fields of endeavor. They're books and other materials are still impacting generations. They're institutions and enterprises are still a beacon of hope to many around the world today. That includes men and women still living and breathing today! (you can fill in the names yourself).

Finally,

#### **#10. Abraham was Blessed in All Things**

**Genesis 24:1:**

*And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD HAD BLESSED ABRAHAM IN ALL THINGS.*

The Word Said to:

*“... Trust in...the living God, who giveth us richly ALL THINGS to enjoy”; – 1Timothy 6:17*

Therefore as a seed of Abraham, you will enjoy all-round blessings.

#### **Conclusion**

The above are all dimensions of The Blessings of Abraham that we are ordained to walk in as the redeemed of the Lord. And your own experience has began already!

Meanwhile, it is new birth in Christ that makes you a seed of Abraham (see Galatians 3:29). If you desire this new experience, we can say a simple prayer.

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## -- Chapter 8 --

### Encounter With God's Favour

God's favour is what adds flavour to life;

#### Psalm 30:5

*For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

#### What is Favour?

It is the aura of God around a person that makes them an attraction among men thereby distinguishing them in life.

#### Genesis 27:27

*And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:*

#### Psalm 45:8

*All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.*

**Psalm 45:12** *And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy FAVOUR.*

There's a smell that comes upon you that makes good things to follow you. It's called the smell of favour. That smell is on you from now in Jesus name.

#### ✓ Favour is God with a person

When you have God with you, favour must follow you.

#### Genesis 39:2, 3, 4, 6:

[2] *And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man...;*

[3] *And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

[4] *And Joseph found grace in his sight...*

[6] *And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.*

The Lord was with him, so he was well favoured. May God be with you now and always in Jesus name.

#### Steps into God's Favour

## **#1. New Birth**

When one is born again/saved, he/she becomes an object of God's favour, just like any child naturally enjoys the favour of their parent.

### **Ephesians 1:6**

*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

New birth makes you a beloved Child of God. And as his beloved, you have won His favour. Just like any father will favour his own children over others; so does your heavenly father. Also, by new birth you have become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus:

*2Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

And the Word says:

*For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; WITH FAVOUR wilt thou compass him as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)*

New birth in Christ Jesus opens you up to a world of God's favour – favour that will make ordinary men to envy you.

## **#2. Good Understanding**

### **Proverb 13:15**

*Good understanding giveth favour...*

A good understanding of whatever it is you do, secures both favour with God and with men. A good understanding in any direction/field secures favour in that direction. For instance, a **Lawyer** with good understanding of the field of law, will be winning all the cases and getting more and more recommendations. A **building contractor** with good understanding in the field will be winning more and more contracts. A **teacher** with Good understanding will win the hearts of all his students, their parents and his/her employer for that matter. A **marketeer** with good understanding will be attracting more deals/sales for his organization.

Consider the man **Joseph** in scripture, for instance:

By his unique understanding of the times and seasons, he took over the reign of Egypt

### **Genesis 41:39-40**

*[39] And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, For as much as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*

*[40] Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.*

Therefore, in whatever it is that you do, go for more understanding and favour will flow in your direction.

Goodnews is: you're soon taking over in that field, in Jesus name!

### #3. Serving the Lord

*Psalm 102:13-15*

*(13) Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to FAVOUR her, yea, the set time, is come.*

*(14) For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.*

*(15) So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.*

*Psalm 35:27*

*Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*

As long as you favour God's kingdom agenda on the earth, you enter God's agenda to be Favoured.

### #4. Sowing Seeds of Favour

*Pro 11:27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour...*

When you go out of your way to seek the welfare of others, you attract God's favour towards you. For instance God's favour did not allow Dorcas (a.k.a Tabitha) to be buried when she died (until she was raised back to life). Why? Because while she was alive, she was a blessing to so many people (like widows):

*Act 9:36-41*

[36] Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

[37] And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

[39] Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

[40] But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

[41] And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

May you become a candidate for God's favour today.

## #5. Living a Life of Praise

*Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people...*

For example we have this story recorded in the gospels, regarding how one Herodia's Daughter won the favour of the king by her dance

*Mark 6:21-23*

[21] And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;

[22] And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

[23] And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

And God is the king of kings. And bible says praise is comely (attractive) to Him (Psalm 147:1). So, when your praise touches God, He's compelled to release His favour in your direction (that is "blank cheque" dimension of favour) is secured through high praises, where you can demand anything and God will do it for you).

Now it's your turn to be favoured.

**let's PRAY:**

If you would like to be saved, please say this prayer:

**Jesus Save my soul; and wash my sins with your precious blood.**

**Thank you Jesus for saving me.**

**Amen.**

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## -- Chapter 9 --

### Wisdom For Marital Fulfillment

A Wise woman defined marriage as a lifelong commitment to an imperfect person of the opposite sex

Marriage is a perfect institution--because it was ordained by God.

#### James 1:17

*Every good gift and every PERFECT gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

So surely marriage is one of the good and perfect gifts from God.

However because of the imperfection of the practitioners, we need to lean on God's Wisdom to guide the way. And God's word is God's Wisdom.

#### 2 Timothy 3:15

*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise...*

#### Luke 11:49

*Therefore also SAID the wisdom of God...*

God's Word says:

*As he thinketh...so he is (Prov. 23:7)*

So in spite of the imperfections of the partners involved in marriage, one can still enjoy their marriage if they maintain the right **perspectives/mindset**

#### #1. Marriage is Honourable

#### Hebrews 13:4

*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled...*

God says marriage is honourable. A dictionary definition of honour is "high respect or great esteem".

That means you become a man or woman of high respect and great esteem, when you enter into marriage. So no matter the experiences of men, know that marriage (I. e. the marital institution) is honourable. Meanwhile, your expectations is what sets the pace for your experiences. The word says:

***“For surely there is an end, and thine expectation shall not be cut off” – Proverbs 23:18***

So expect divine honour in marriage.

## **#2. Your Spouse is Inherently Good**

**Proverbs 18:22**

***Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.***

I paraphrase as follows: *whoso findeth a wife or is located by a husband, findeth a good thing...*

So both the man and woman are good things. Though he/she may have flaws, God's Word says she's a good thing. Whatever shortcomings that may show-up from time to time, notwithstanding, God's word which is truth says, she's a good thing.

Jesus said: ***Sanctify them through thy truth, thy Word is truth.*** . John 17:17

So we accept the truth (which is God's perspective) over any other thing.

Now if you want to see wrong come out in anyone (man or woman) you will see it; based on what you say and do to them. So the wisdom of God is always to try and call out the good inside your spouse and close your eyes to their shortcomings (because everybody has shortcomings). Focus on their strength--amplify their strengths--not their weaknesses/shortcomings.

In the area of their shortcomings, treat them as though they were perfect and over time, they will begin to line up.

Here's the reason. It is how God Himself does it. Bible says, He ***“...Calleth those things that be not as though they were”.*** Rom 4:17

Any positive thing you want to see in your spouse, go ahead and start calling it forth as if it was so. Don't wait to see them change. Treat them so, and God will step in to effect the change. God calls things that are not as though they are. He does not wait to see them become. He calls it forth.

There's a very interesting account of a man who admired pointed nose. It is said that though the wife did not have such a nose, from time to time, he would say to his wife, "***this your pointed nose***". And over time, the wife began to develop pointed nose. Because faith calls things that are not as though they were.

And **Mark 11:23** says, ...***you shall have whatsoever you say***. So if you keep addressing your spouse or relating with them based on their present attitudes or conduct, then that's what remains. But if you hope to see a change, then effect that change by acting in line with the change you hope to see. This applies to both our words and actions.

Husband treat your wife like a queen--even if she doesn't look or behave like one. And Wife treat your husband like a King, even if he doesn't seem like he deserves it. And then what you're calling out in them will soon manifest.

### **#3. Your spouse is your companion**

**Malachi 2:14**

***Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth...yet is she thy COMPANION, and the wife of thy covenant.***

Your spouse according to scripture is your companion in the journey of life. That means she's your friend; Marriage becomes enjoyable when this understanding is in view. Your wife or husband is your best friend in the journey of life. God said: ***it is not good for man to be alone--Genesis 2:18***

You have someone who's more than just a sex mate. He or she is someone you can talk to freely without any sense of insecurity (you feel totally comfortable to share your innermost thoughts with). Someone God has given you to share your life with. Someone you feel totally safe with. Your companion is someone who can both laugh with you and cry with you (they share in your joy and your griefs). With this understanding, husband and wife are able to enjoy each other's

company. If you have this kind of relationship with your spouse, it's a sign that you're in a healthy marriage. If not, you can work at it patiently, as you develop the right perspectives.

Secondly He went on to say in Ecclesiastes "...*Woe to him that is alone...*" (Ecc 4:10)

So He gave you a companion to keep you company and to preserve your life from woe's. So marriage provides you with a kind of divine security.

**What kind of Security?**

**\*1. Security against defilement or falling into sexual temptations** (as you have a holy sexual union with one partner for life),

*1Corinthians 7:2-5:*

*[2] Nevertheless, TO AVOID FORNICATION, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

*[3] Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.*

*[4] The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.*

*[5] Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency [I. e. lack of self-control].*

**\*2 . Security against wrong decisions: "Two" God said, "are better than one" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)**

Bible said "in multitude of counselors there is safety" (Prov 24:6). So at least you have your spouse as your closest counsellor in making decisions. And that's safer than you alone making decisions.

**\*3. Security in terms of a support in challenging times**

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10:*

*[9] Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.*

*[10] FOR IF THEY FALL, THE ONE WILL LIFT UP HIS FELLOW: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.*

You have a support to lean on in times of challenge. Your spouse is a support/reinforcement sent from God to help you to keep standing in all seasons of life, as depicted in the above scripture.

#### #4. Marriage is a Covenant

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Marriage is a covenant and God is the principal witness of this covenant. Not only that, it is a covenant not meant to be broken:

*Malachi 2:15-16*

*[15] And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.*

*[16] For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that HE HATETH PUTTING AWAY: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

God said He hates one putting away his wife (or husband for that matter). He sees divorce as treachery.

*1Corinthians 7:10-11*

*And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:*

*[11] ...let not the husband put away his wife.*

That means you enter that marriage with a mindset of a lifelong commitment to your spouse. So that no matter the issue, you are not tempted to resort to divorce. Make up your mind to make the marriage work.

Goodnews is that your marriage will work in the name of Jesus.

## #5. Have a Picture of Marital Bliss

A wise man said: "your mental picture is what defines your actual future". That is scriptural because the word says: *As he thinketh, so is he.*

Psalm 128:3-5:

*[3] Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.*

*[4] Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.*

*[5] The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.*

*[6] Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.*

A picture of marital bliss/fulfillment such as the one above will set the pace for same.

Your wife as a fruitful (peaceful, beautiful, flourishing) vine by the sides of your house and your children like olive plants round about your table.

And it continues by saying, you will see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

So don't expect to see evil in your home. Expect to see good all the days of your family life. Expect that both you husband and wife will live long to see your children's children. As the word says:

*"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. - Genesis 13:15*

So all that you can see from scripture about marriage/family life is all that you will possess/experience.

Let me show you another picture of marital bliss from the Word:

Ecclesiastes 9:9:

*LIVE JOYFULLY with the WIFE whom thou lovest All The Days Of The Life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the*

days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

If the Word says, to Live Joyfully with your wife/husband, then you can live joyfully. Not only for some of the time of your marriage, but it says: **all the days of your life.** So programme yourself to enjoy your marriage all your days on this earth. It says there that a joyful marriage, is your portion (reward) for all your labour which you take under the sun.

*“... for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun...”*

*Proverbs 5:18-19*

*[18] Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.*

*[19] Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.*

So look to the Word daily where your joy springs from:

*Jeremiah 15:16:*

*THY WORDS were found, and I did eat them; and THY WORD was unto me the JOY and REJOICING of mine heart:*

Therefore, as you look to the word daily, you will find joy in your marriage;

*Psalm 119:165*

*Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*

As you keep looking to the Word, you will not find any cause for offence in your marital/family life. You will rise above offence. You'll enjoy great peace in your home (overlooking anything that can offend).

In the name of Jesus, It's now your turn for a most fulfilling marital experience. Amen!

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Thank you Jesus for saving me.  
Amen.**

**Congratulations!** if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

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## -- Chapter 10 --

### Making God Your Delight

*Psalm 37:4:*

*Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

#### Who is the Lord?

God the father (Jehovah) is the Lord of hosts - (1 Samuel 1:3/11, 1 Samuel 4:4)

Jesus (the Son) is severally declared as Lord in the new testament (Act 15:26, Act 20:21, Rom 1:17, Rom 5:11, and many more)

And the Word also says *the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty... (2Cor 3:17)*. So also, the Holy Spirit is Lord.

Altogether, we can interpret the scripture Psalm 37:4 to mean, delight thyself in God (because He is a 3-in-one Personality; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit). Wherever you see, the Lord in scripture, you can comfortably replace it with God.

So delight yourself in God, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

What does it mean to delight yourself in someone?

Dictionary definition means to please someone greatly.

So to delight yourself in God is to please Him greatly. And when you delight in someone, you take pleasure in them. So take special pleasure in God. Take pleasure in doing the things that gives Him pleasure, such as singing His praise and giving Him worship. Take your rest in Him. Enjoy being in His presence. Enjoy talking to Him at every opportunity. Enjoy getting to know Him through His word. Delight in finding out what He wants you to do for Him specifically. And as you do these things, the Word has assured that He will give you the desires of your heart. No need to fret at all. Just relax and watch Him turn your desires to testimony in your hand. Jesus said it this way,

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Mat 6:33*

Meanwhile, to have your delight in someone means that you have a relationship with that person. So our delight in God in seeking His heart's interest, delighting in him personally and in the things that concerns His kingdom begins with a relationship with Him through His Son Jesus the first born.

If you're not certain that you have that relationship established, you can say this prayer:

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*I believe that Jesus died for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

**Amen.**

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## -- Chapter 11 --

### God's Wisdom Can Be Yours

*"When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom"*  
- Proverbs 11:12 (KJV)

It's very clear from the above scripture, that God's Wisdom--the virtue that distinguishes men and women in the race of life--abides only with the LOWLY in heart. In other words, to flow in divine Wisdom, you must maintain a low profile. You must be small in your own eyes; you must lose all sense of 'self-esteem' and embrace 'God-esteem'.

You must be low enough for God to be able to reach you. Remember He's God Most-High. And just as water flows from higher ground to lower ground, all graces in God flow from higher ground to a lower ground. Therefore, as a receiver of God's grace, you must be a 'most low' person, before any grace of the Most-High God can flow to you. That's why the Word says, *"...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble"* (James 4:6, KJV).

Reading this brief exhortation right now, I believe you have been chosen (hand-picked) by God Most High to be a beneficiary of His unusual grace (in this case, His Wisdom). And in case you do not yet have a relationship with God (you do not know Him as your Father), then you can do so now, by accepting His Son, Jesus into your Life. Just say this simple prayer.

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*(For further reading, see Proverbs 3:13-24, Proverbs 24:3-6 &13-14, Proverbs 8:11-12& 15-36)*

## -- Chapter 12 --

### The Future Is Secure

When you're walking with the Lord, you don't need to worry about tomorrow. You can rest assured that your tomorrow is secure. Jesus said: *take no thought about tomorrow... (Matthew 6:34, KJV paraphrased)*. In other-words, do not be anxious about tomorrow. This is because God holds your tomorrow. God knows and sees your tomorrow; so He said in His Word:

*For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Another version says:

*I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans of welfare and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

So, when you're walking with a God that perfectly knows your future and says it's good, then you don't worry about making elaborate plans, because He's already planned your life and will unfold it to you piece by piece. All He requires of you is to trust Him that your future is well taken care of. You may not know all the details right now, but you have an idea (a reassurance) from His Word. In **Proverbs 4:18**, God said:

*The path of the just is as the shining light, that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day (KJV paraphrased)*

The expression "the Just" in the above scripture refers to the redeemed/believers (that is, those who have confessed Jesus as Saviour and Lord, see Romans 3:24/Romans 5:1/Act 13:39). I say to you therefore, relax friend, relax. For some folks, the reason God may be silent on their future is that if He did otherwise (I.e revealed anything too soon), they would not be able to handle it with the maturity expected. They'd go on and voice it out to everyone and end up attracting unnecessary attention to themselves, resulting in unnecessary battles that may endanger divine plans. So God will rather hold His peace until the timing is right, then He unfolds His next agenda for you and surprise both your friends (I.E those who may be pitying you) and your enemies (those who thought nothing better could become of you).

So friend, the secret is to rest in God and in His Word with full assurance that your future is covered. You have nothing to worry about! Just keep walking with God step by step, one day at a time, knowing fully well that God is in control. That's how to live the life of faith. Faith in God who holds the future.

We thank God for plans and planning; however, care should be taken that we do not make our own plans. We must beware of futuristic plans born out of ambition (self-motivated) rather than vision (God-given).

As we conclude, please recognize that the events of your life are no surprise to God. He's an all-knowing (omniscient) God who sees the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). So there's nothing that happens in your life that takes God by surprise. If you're one of His children, He's working out something great out of whatever may be happening at the moment in your life. God is a master planner and a master craftsman at it, so please leave Him to it. Your future is secure in His plans and not your own.

Meanwhile, to become a child of God, you must be born again. That is, you confess Jesus Christ (the Son of God who came to die for the sins of humanity) as your personal saviour and Lord. If you have not done so already, you can right now by saying a simple prayer with faith in your heart.

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## -- Chapter 13 --

### Turning Adversity Into Opportunity

Deuteronomy 32:9–13 (KJV) :

(9) *For the LORD's portion is his people;  
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*  
(10) *He found him in a desert land,  
And in the waste howling wilderness;  
He led him about, he instructed him,  
He kept him as the apple of his eye.*  
(11) *As an eagle stirreth up her nest,  
Fluttereth over her young,  
Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them,  
Beareth them on her wings:*  
(12) *So the LORD alone did lead him,  
And there was no strange god with him.*  
(13) *He made him ride on the high places of the earth,  
That he might eat the increase of the fields;  
And he made him to suck honey out of the rock,  
And oil out of the flinty rock;*

From the above scripture, we see that God is likened to an Eagle.

By extension, it means that every child of God is a spiritual Eagle, because like begets like. In other-words, God who is Himself a spiritual Eagle (as depicted in the text), will only have offsprings who are also spiritual eagles.

Now, it has been observed in nature that the Eagle (which is King in the bird kingdom), has a unique Characteristic of being able to take advantage of negative winds to Soar even higher when in flight.

Why is this symbolism so important/necessary? Reason being that in life, negative winds do blow from time to time (what one may term as adversity), seeking to take us down or stall our motion. But what the child of God needs to realize is that you're a spiritual Eagle. No adverse wind (circumstance) of life can take you down or stall/impede your motion. Rather, they present opportunities to soar even higher.

Inside every adverse circumstance/condition of life lies incredible opportunities for new heights (greater exploits) and even new dimensions of your God-ordained destiny.

Referring to our opening scripture/text, the Word says that God led Jacob about as an eagle does its offspring, and He made him to ride on the high places of the earth. In other words Jacob as a spiritual eagle, gained new heights, in spite of the negative winds that came against him. It's not explicit in our text that Jacob encountered any negative winds or adversity. However, we know his story from other sections (chapters and verses) of scripture how that he was cheated on his wages about 20years serving in the household of his uncle Laban. But by engaging one divine idea which he received in a dream, he outwitted his uncle and left that place of servitude as a wealthy man. He went there as one-man, so to speak, with almost nothing, but came out with a household of his own (married with servants and all) and much possession/affluence (*see Genesis Chapters 29, 30 and 31 for full story*).

With a humble reflection on my 14years of ministry as at the time of writing this book(12years of that being mostly pastoral), I can recall that the places where I encountered the greatest opposition, were the places that God has taken me to strange heights in the ministry. Till date, I have learned by experience that the negative winds have only come to take the Eagle higher.

Just like the Eagle is known to soar to heights that no other bird in the bird kingdom can, **as a child of God, you are an eagle in flight**; and you're designed to soar to heights in life that some others cannot, under the same conditions. So you can rest assured that every condition/circumstance of life (positive or negative) will only help you reach even higher in your destiny flight.

Therefore Soar! Eagle, Soar!!

If you also would like to become a child of God, and unleash your Eagle destiny, kindly say this simple prayer:

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## -- Chapter 14 --

### Taking Charge of Your Life

*Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*

God said to command Him. He rules by issuing commands.

*Psalm 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.*

As a child of God you can also take command of the affairs of your life one day at a time by commanding your day.

How? On the altar of prayer.

King David never lost a battle in his entire life and I believe this is one of his secrets

*Psalm 5:3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.*

Also, when we observe the life of Jesus, during His earthly ministry, we see that He was always in charge. There's nothing that took Him by surprise any-day because we're told that:

*...in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. - Mark 1:35*

He was up a great while before day and prayed. So the rest of the day was a walkover. When he met up with any issue in the cause of the day, with one word from His mouth it was settled - whether it was a sick to be healed, the dead to raise, or a challenge thrown at him by his adversaries or a sudden storm that came up on the sea.

Now here's one key. As you pray, do not just ask God to do things for you. Make declarations about what you want to see happen for you. Issue commands; make decrees in the name of Jesus (John 14:14) and watch God confirm it for you.

So wake up and take charge of your life one day at a time.

But it all begins with new birth. Prayer begins with relationship with God the father through Jesus Christ the Son.

If you're not certain that you have that relationship established, you can say this prayer:

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*I believe that Jesus died for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

Amen.

Congratulations! if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

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## -- Chapter 15 --

### The Prayer That God Will Always Answer

1John 3:22

*And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

It can be really frustrating when our prayers are not answered. Isn't it?

But the good news is, now we have an assurance from God's Word that there's what we can do so that our prayers will always be answered by the Lord. It says clearly in our text that *whatever we ask, we will receive if only we keep God's commandments and do those things that are pleasing to Him* (paraphrased).

This clearly shows that the nature of our walk with God is what determines whether or not our prayers are answered. You'll agree with me that a child that pleases his father well and obeys the father will always have his/her way with the father. In other-words, the father does not hesitate to give them whatever they want.

It is the same in our walk with God. That is, when we live in obedience to God and do the things that gives him pleasure, He does not hesitate to give us what we want whenever we ask.

As we can now see that the answer to our prayers solely depends on us and not on God, we want to know what specific commandments we're to obey and the things to do that please God.

In this brief message, we will learn about three (3) vital things we are to do.

The next verse that follows in our main text gives us two of them. Our main text being the 1st Epistle of John Chapter Three (3) verse Twenty-Two (22). Now verse Twenty-Three says:

*And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment*

So,

Commandment #1: We Should Believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ

Under the dispensation of the New Covenant (I.e after Jesus died, rose again, and ascended to heaven) every prayer that will be answered by God must be said **in the name of Jesus**. John 16:23 says:

*And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you (see also John 15:16 and John 14:13 &14).*

Meanwhile, what day was Jesus referring to in this text when he said "**in that day ye shall ask me nothing...**"? He was referring to the days we're in now; the days of the new covenant. He made those statements under the old covenant (before His death and resurrection). So that's the contract (the agreement) we have with God now; every prayer after Jesus died and rose again (now seated in heavenly places at the right hand of God The Father) must be said in the Name of Jesus before anything will happen.

So question is do you believe in the name of God's Son Jesus Christ? (See also Acts 16:31, 1st John 5:13, 1st John 5:5)

**Commandment #2.** The 2nd commandment mentioned in 1st John 3:23 that will guarantee speedy answer to our prayers is to **Love One Another**.

Once again, under the new Covenant, we do not have so many commandments to keep/obey. We have only one (1), which is to walk in love towards the brethren. Scripture says when we obey this single commandment of love, then we have fulfilled all the law. let's examine a few verses of scripture to validate this.

Jesus said in John 13:34&35,

*34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

*35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

John the beloved also wrote in 2nd John 1:5,

*And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another*

Now let's conclude this point with **Romans 13:8-10** which says,

8. *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*
9. *For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
10. *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

The Holy Spirit by the hand of Paul the Apostle was trying to say that when we obey this commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves, then we do not need to worry about any other commandment that God gave under the old covenant/testament to curb sin. Those commandments are all automatically fulfilled.

This includes loving unsaved souls. Our love for souls will compell us to pray for and witness to them about Jesus Christ. If you cannot preach the gospel, simply give them your testimony of what the Lord has done for you since you were saved (born-again). Otherwise, simply pray for their salvation.

Before I sign off this section, let me shed some light on the subject of **walking in forgiveness**, which is another aspect of walking in love. Jesus said in **Mark 11:25–26**,

*[25] And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

*[26] But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

Clearly, we see that when we fail to walk in love towards others, it constitutes a hindrance to answered prayer.

Last but not least, one of the things to do in pleasing the Lord for speedy answer to our prayers is **Living the life of Thanksgiving**.

Psalm 69:30–31 says,

*[30] I will praise the name of God with a song,  
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

*[31] This also shall please the LORD Better than an ox or bullock  
that hath horns and hoofs.*

God is pleased with a prayer life that overflows with thanksgiving and praise to Him. He is displeased with a lifestyle tainted with murmurings and complaining.

So let us embrace thanksgiving as a lifestyle and see how things turn in our favour when we pray.

In conclusion, we have established that the prayer that God will always answer is a prayer born from a grateful heart, a heart full of love for humanity and coming from a life that reverences the name of Jesus.

Meanwhile, prayer begins with relationship with God the father through Jesus Christ the Son. If you're not certain that you have that relationship established, you can say this prayer:

**let's PRAY:**

*I believe that Jesus died for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

**Amen.**

**Congratulations!** if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other-words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

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-- Chapter 16 --  
God is Bigger Than Your Battles

2nd Chronicles 32:8A

*With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles...*

No matter what may come against you in this life as a child of God, know by the assurance of God's Word that it's only the arm of flesh, and it's bound to fail.

No matter how terrorizing the situation may seem, no arm of flesh can withstand the Lord Our God who is always by our side to help us and to fight our battles for us. If you doubt this, then ask Goliath, that terrible champion of the Philistines army (a man of war from his youth) who fell by only a sling and stone hurled at him by a little boy (teenager) David because the Lord our God fought for His people (see 1st Samuel 17:1-54).

Therefore, never allow any situation or battle of life to scare you. Know that it's only the arm of flesh which is no match for the Lord our God.

Meanwhile, for the Lord our God to be on your side, you must be one of His Children. And that is by confessing His Son Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. If you're yet to do that, you can say this simple prayer.

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## -- Chapter 17 --

### Joy! The Sustainer of Health

Proverbs 17:22 (KJV)

*A merry heart doeth good like medicine...*

A merry heart is a joyful heart. Just as sugar attracts ants, bitterness and depression attracts demons of oppression. We're told in the book of Acts that Jesus went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed of the devil (see Acts 10:38). That means sickness is an oppression of the devil. And until you're depressed, you cannot be oppressed.

That's why joy is the 'sustainer' of your health. "A merry heart" it says, does good like medicine (Prov. 17:22). So don't wake up in the morning sad. Because whatever depresses you (steals your joy) is targeting you for satanic oppression. Therefore, do all you can to keep a joyful atmosphere around you by getting into God's presence. In **Psalm 16:11**, the great psalmist of Israel referring to God almighty said:

*...in thy presence is fullness of joy...*

God's presence injects joy into your atmosphere. And one way to His presence is by listening to Gospel music (Singing His praise). Praise and Worship is door opener to His presence (see Psalm 22:3).

Finally, do yourself a favour and avoid joy breakers (that is, anyone and anything that take your joy away from you). Compared to eternity, no matter how long one lives down here, life here is still too short to live it gloomy. Therefore, cheer up and embrace a lifestyle of joy and rejoicing for a most buoyant and healthy life.

One more key to joy is salvation. It's called the joy of salvation (see Psalm 51:12). Everyone that has tasted salvation or new birth in Christ Jesus has been inoculated with this strange order of joy which does not depend on the happenings around you but is fueled by the Living Christ within you. If you desire this encounter, you can say a simple prayer.

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## -- Chapter 18 --

### Take Heed to Thyself (A Word to the Minister)

1 Timothy 4:16 (KJV)

*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; Continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.*

This is how to secure the salvation of your own soul as a minister and guarantee you a place in the last flight.

The same Apostle Paul who is instructing Timothy, his son in the faith in this Epistle, said elsewhere in another epistle, "...lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (See 1 Corinthians 9:27). This suggests that it is possible for the minister ("the man of God", "the Servant of God") to preach to others, and yet miss it (lose his own salvation) in the end. But do you desire to save yourself and those who hear you? Here's God's counsel through the ministry of Paul:

First, He said to **Take heed to yourself.** What does it mean? It's simple: pay attention to your own walk with God. As you're pointing others to God, be sure you're not missing it yourself in your walk with the Lord. As you encourage others to give attention to personal prayer and word study for their spiritual development, are you doing same yourself? Or have you neglected these vital aspects of your walk with the Lord? Have you gotten so busy with the work of the ministry that you no longer pay attention to your personal time with God? Or have your time spent in the Word been reduced to times of preparation to preach? Do you only study the Word to get a message to preach? "***Take heed to thyself...***" is the Lord's warning.

I fell into the same error many years ago when I was in the pastoral ministry (by Grace, the Lord brought me into the apostolic phase of my ministry barely two years ago). As a pastor, I spent some good time in the Word and prayer but it was mostly preparation to preach my next message or teach the next bible class. I preached many powerful messages that drew many applauds and commanded great results, but I realized I was not growing up spiritually. I was a very dedicated Pastor, but spiritually, I was lacking. After some time, it began to show in my poor relationship with people (getting offended, harboring grievances/bitterness, etc). It's worth noting that the issues that can disqualify the believer, even the Lord's servant from making heaven in the final analysis, are not big issues at all; they

are the little foxes that spoil the vine, such as the ones mentioned above. God's Word says clearly to ***follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see God*** (Heb 12:14). But the change for me came when one day this light came to me. It suddenly dawned on me that I was so busy with the Lord's work that I neglected my personal spiritual growth. So I began to read/study the bible and anointed materials just for my personal spiritual edification. One of such books I read that transformed my life and ministry was **Growing Up Spiritually**, authored by God's General Kenneth E. Hagin of blessed memory. Another one which made no small impact on my life and ministry was **Love the Way to Victory**, by the same author. I began to experience a great ease in the ministry the kind I did not experience before. My overall relationship with people got better as I began to love God's people better. I also realized that my time spent preparing a message became shorter because my spirit was already fed on a good Word nourishment. Preaching became much more exciting because the Word was flowing from a healthy spirit. My life and ministry was significantly blessed.

The next counsel the Lord gives to guarantee the salvation of both your flock and yourself is to **Take heed to the doctrine**, that God has given you. He said to **continue** in them. Every ministry has a message given to preach. But as a minister of God, do you practice what you preach? Are you taking heed to your own doctrine? Or do you point the flock one way and go the other way?

Do you desire to make the last flight together with your flock when our Lord Jesus returns? Then heed His counsel: Continue in the doctrine.

**Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; Continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee (1 Timothy 4:16)**

As a servant of God, if you can identify with this message; if you realize where you are falling short, it's never too late to make amends like I did years ago. Go ahead and talk to God. Renew your walk with God today. You can rededicate your heart to Him again. He's waiting with open arms to receive you. And we have an assurance from the Lord:

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## -- Chapter 19 --

### A Lasting Legacy

2<sup>nd</sup>Timothy 1:5:

*When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

The greatest legacy you can leave for your children is your Faith (it's a spiritual force that passes from one generation to another). So Timothy, the first named Bishop in scripture, inherited his faith from his mother who had also inherited it from her own mother (I.e. Timothy's grandmother). **That means spirituality is genetic.**

Testimonials of this truth abound in scripture. Timothy is not the only example there is. We saw that Abraham walked with God. Isaac, a seed of Abraham also walked with God. Then Jacob a direct seed of Isaac continued the family legacy. His walk with God resulted in the birth of the great nation of Israel. Joseph, a direct seed of Jacob (now Israel) walked with God until he became the most important statesman in ancient Egypt (which became the ruling economy in the entire world in the days of Joseph). And yet one more outstanding example: David a seed of Jesse from the tribe of Judah, a seed of Jacob/Israel. David's walk with God re-positioned him from being a simple shepherd boy to becoming the greatest king Israel ever knew. His greatness continued until from his lineage came the messiah, Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World.

Therefore do not belittle or downplay your faithful walk with the Lord today; it's an inheritance you're passing on to generations yet unborn. And in case you do not have such a relationship with God or made such a commitment to serve Him all the days of your life, you can do so today and leave a great legacy for your children and generations after them.

**let's PRAY:**

Please say this prayer:

***Jesus Save my soul; and wash my sins with your precious blood***

***Thank you Jesus for saving me.***

*Amen.*

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## -- Chapter 20 --

### The Wonderful Work of Patience

*James 1:2-3 & 4:*

- (2) *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*
- (3) *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
- (4) *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

It says the trying of our faith works patience. In other words, the objective of every trial that we may go through as believers is to work out the golden virtue called **Patience** in us.

And What is the Essence/Value of Patience?

#### #1. Patience Builds Character

Verse four (4) of our text says:

*“But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

It's clear that patience works out the perfection of our character. Perfection in the text is referring to the perfection of our character so that we may not be found wanting in Character.

So patience builds Character and Character decides our Destiny.

What's more to say on the essence or value of patience?

#### #2. Patience is Key to Obtaining God's Promises in our Lives

It is key to fulfillment of God's counsel towards us. Scripture said to follow those “*...who through faith and patience obtained the promises*” (see *Heb 6:12*).

Our Patriarchs through **faith** coupled with **patience** obtained God's promises spoken into their lives. And so no matter how far-fetched, far-reaching or impossible God's agenda for anyone may seem, as we believe, **patience** will deliver it. Will you say a loud amen!

Meanwhile, God's promises are the heritage of His Children. And we become children of God by accepting God's Son Jesus Christ as our

Saviour and Lord (John 1:12) . If you would like to accept Jesus Christ into your life right now, then we can say a simple prayer.

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## -- Chapter 21-- You Will Not Fall

*2<sup>d</sup>Peter 2:9*

*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

Are you facing temptations to compromise in this dark world where temptations abound? Temptations at the work place, temptations in the market place, on the street; temptations in the home (on TV, etc), temptations on the internet and social media? Temptations in your mind?

Do you fear you may give in one day? But the more important question is, are you a godly man or woman? (Do you fear God?) Then let me allay your fears. God's word (the final authority on all issues of life) says that God knows how to deliver His godly ones out of temptation (2Peter 2:9 paraphrased). So why don't you take refuge in that. No matter how serious the temptation (no matter how tough the pressure to compromise), God says He knows how to deliver you--and He will deliver you!

let's conclude with this reassurance from 1 Corinthians 10:13:

*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

The faithful God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you're able to bear. And with every temptation that comes your way, He will make a way to escape. So your escape from every temptation of life is guaranteed. Two more verses and we are done.

1<sup>st</sup>Corinthians 1:8:

*Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Also, in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:13, it says:

*To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*

What is the Lord saying? That He is able to keep you unto the end that when Christ returns the second time, you will be found blameless. I'm sure you want to shout a loud Amen to that! What a joy! Therefore, relax friend, and enjoy the Christian experience.

Meanwhile, until you are saved, temptations of life will swallow you up. You have no power whatsoever to overcome them. Until you surrender your heart to Jesus, you are no match for the devil or Satan who is also known as the tempter. If your heart is set to follow Jesus, then we can say a simple prayer.

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*I believe that Jesus died for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

Amen.

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-- Chapter 22 --  
Destroying The Works of The Devil

*1<sup>st</sup> John 3:8*

*... for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil*

Jesus Christ, the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

What are the Works of the devil?

We shall examine briefly, three (3) of them which are majors.

**#1. Sickness is a work of the devil**

In *Acts 10:38* concerning the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, bible records,

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

He went about healing all that were oppressed of the devil. That means, Satan the devil was the one oppressing them with sickness. So sickness is an oppression of the devil--it's a work of the devil. Jesus was healing them because He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil, sickness being one of them (it's a major work of the devil).

Therefore, in the name of Jesus, sickness is destroyed in your life. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever. His ministry of destroying the works of the devil continues today. Therefore every activity of sickness and disease in your life is destroyed, in the name of Jesus!

**#2. Poverty is another work of the devil**

In *2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:9*, it says:

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich*

Man was living in affluence in the garden of Eden. The garden had the best gold and other precious stones (see *Genesis 2:10-12*). Indeed, everything man required for his comfort was available in the garden.

He did no need to struggle to make ends meat or have anything. Everything he needed was in abundant supply. Then the devil came along and corrupted God's man with pride and man was cast out of the garden. So by the scheming of the devil, man was introduced to a new life of sweat and struggle or poverty (See Genesis 3:17-19).

So poverty, as we can see, is a principal work of the devil. But God in His mercy sent His son Jesus to destroy the works of the devil, and that means eradicating poverty from our lives. For "*... though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich*"- *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Therefore, in the name of Jesus poverty is destroyed forever in your life. Poverty will never know your name or address forever. Whatever havoc poverty may have wrecked in your life, it is over from today in Jesus name. If you have embraced Jesus into your life, know that you have embraced riches. Poverty ended the day you received Jesus, and so shall it be from now in Jesus name. Amen.

Finally,

### **#3. Death is a work of the devil**

In *John 10:10*, Jesus clearly exposed this ministry of the devil. He said:

*The thief [speaking of the devil] cometh not, but for to steal, and kill, and destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (emphasis mine).*

The devil came to kill and to destroy lives. He came to take lives. But Jesus came to give us life in abundance (that is to counter what the killer-destroyer came to do). In simple plain language, the devil came to cause untimely death. But Jesus came to give us long life. The Lord said in *Psalm 91:16*:

*With long life will I satisfy you and show you my salvation.*

So every harassment of untimely death in your life and family is destroyed in Jesus name. This is an area that the devil has wrecked much havoc in many lives and families: Depriving mothers and fathers of their children, depriving children of their parents (rendering some as orphans); innocent wives have become widows too soon, and husbands likewise. But by the word of the Lord, the threat is over. Jesus came to terminate the harassment of untimely death. He proved

that very well during his ministry on earth. We have examples in the gospels such as raising dead Lazarus back to life (John 11:1-14), raising of a widow's only son that died (Luke 7:11-14) and the raising of Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:22-42). And all these instances were young people who died and were raised back to life. Therefore I decree, **no young person dies in your family anymore in Jesus name.**

But much more importantly, we have an assurance in scripture regarding our dominion over untimely death, which is one of the finished works of Christ. First, in **Hebrews 2:14-15**

*(14) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*  
*(15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

That is, Jesus through his death and resurrection, destroyed the devil who once had the power of death. So truth is the devil has no more power to kill. He lost that power when Jesus died and rose again. That's why Jesus made this bold declaration in **Revelation 1:18:**

*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Who has the key of death? Is it the devil? A big NO! The key of death is in the hands of Jesus Christ. And if you're a child of God (saved/redeemed by grace), then Jesus is on your side and He's holding that key, not against you, but in your favour. He shuts and locks the door of untimely death on you--so that you will never step through that door. Therefore, every door of untimely death that may have been opened against you or your family is now locked in Jesus name. This revelation is the root of our dominion over untimely death. Good-news is, you'll never live in fear of death anymore. The last harassment of death in your family is the last you will ever see in Jesus name. Amen.

What have we learned? That Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil; and we have addressed sickness, poverty, and untimely death which are chief among them. Therefore, sickness, poverty and untimely death are now under your feet. Will you shout a loud amen to that!

Without being saved however, one is still living at the mercy of the devil and his works. Our only hope is to run to Jesus.

For *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;* --*Hebrews 2:3*

When you turn over your life to Jesus, you escape the works of the devil. If you're set for that, we can say a simple prayer.

let's PRAY:

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**Amen.**

**Congratulations!** if you said that prayer. The Word of God says you are now a new creature and old things are passed away. All things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other words, God will never call your past life (sins/faults) to remembrance. They are totally forgotten. Check this:

*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. (Isaiah 43:25)*

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## -- Chapter 23-- Making A Difference

*Jude 1:22*

*And of some have compassion, making a difference:*

With compassion, we can make a difference in the lives of many. We're called to make a difference in the lives of others. That means you can make a positive difference in the world where you are. God brought us here as a value addition to the world (you're not just another living statistics). You can always make a difference where you are: in your home, neighbourhood, workplace, industry, nation continent, and the world at large.

During His life on earth, Jesus, with compassion, made a whole lot of difference both in the lives of individuals and in the lives of the multitudes. For instance, with compassion He witnessed to the woman of Samaria who also went on to make a difference in her community by bringing them to Christ (see John 4:1-26/28-30). With compassion, Jesus made a great difference in the life of a woman caught in adultery, rescuing her from being stoned to death (John 8:3-11). With compassion, He made a lot of difference in the life of an insane man in the country of the Gadarenes who had been possessed with about two thousand devils (see Mark 5:1-15). And with compassion, Jesus made a difference in the lives of the multitudes. Bible says,

*...when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. - Matthew 9:36 (see also Mark 6:34).*

With compassion, He healed the sick (Matthew 14:14/Mark 1:40-42) and raised the dead (John 11:1-5/11-44, Luke 7:11-15).

Now the Word says, "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*" (*Hebrews 12:2*). Therefore looking unto Jesus (to draw inspiration from His life), we can also make a difference in our world today. By speaking a word of encouragement to someone who is discouraged, for instance. By praying for a sick person, or giving to meet the needs of others in need (accordingly as the lord has blessed us).

Thus, our lives should make a difference in the lives of others. That is what being a Christian is all about. Jesus put it another way. He said:

*“Ye are the salt of the earth...Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...” – Matthew 5:13&14*

Light makes a world of difference in the midst of darkness. And a little salt added in a soup, for instance, makes a whole lot of difference (no matter what other ingredients were added). That means as salt of the earth and light of the World, we're in this world to make a difference. Will you decide today to make a difference in your world where you are?

Meanwhile, take note: you are not light until you encounter Jesus who is the true Light that lightens everyone that comes into the world (John 1:9). If you desire Jesus in your life, then let us pray:

*I believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to die for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

**Amen.**

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## -- Chapter 24 --

### Overcoming Temptations

*Jude 1:24*

*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

There ' s no doubt we live in a world ridden with divers temptations. God did not promise us a trouble-free journey to heaven. Jesus clearly said: "... *in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world* - John 16:33

A great man of God said humorously that tribulation means trouble in every nation. That means no matter which nation you ran to, you will see trouble there. You cannot run from temptations, but good news is you can overcome them. Because God has not left us without help. Our text for this message says:

*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy - Jude 1:24*

So, a vital key to overcoming temptations is to put our trust in God "... *that is able to keep you from falling ...*" (Jude 1:24). Unfortunately, many have failed, trusting in themselves; they trusted will-power, their skillfulness and experience. Yet bible says to trust in the lord with all our heart and to not lean unto our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5, paraphrased). No matter your will-power, skillfulness or experience, you're dealing with an adversary that has more experience in the business than you do. He has been around much longer than you and longer than those who were here before you. So, you cannot beat him to it. Satan is an old old devil. Our only hope is to put our trust in the one that is superior to him. And that is God Almighty. He's known as the ancient of days. He has been around longer than any other being in the universe.

When the devil came against Jesus on the mountain of temptation, Jesus did not trust in himself (that he was the son of God); He trusted in the Word. And remember the Word of God is God (John 1:1). So in essence, Jesus trusted in God when He was tempted. On each account of temptation, He answered the devil with the Word of God. He said: "...*it is written...*" and beat that old enemy hands down. If you will also do the same and lean on God's undiluted Word, you will

overcome every temptation that this crafty adversary may bring your way. And what assurance we have in the word related to us in this message:

*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy”*  
*(Jude 1:24)*

God is saying that He's able to keep you from falling and not only that, He will present you faultless before his glorious presence with exceeding joy. In other words, if you will put your trust in Him, on that great day of reckoning (at the end of time), you will be found faultless.

Thus overcoming temptation is not about how strong or weak a believer may be. The strongest have fallen, while some seemingly weak ones have been able to stand the test of time. So it's about how strong one's trust in God is to keep them from falling. And good news is, you will not fall!

Meanwhile, a journey of trust in God begins with accepting His Son Jesus as Lord and saviour. If you desire Jesus in your life, then let us pray:

*I believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to die for my sins and I confess Him as Lord and Saviour. Thank you Lord.*

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## -- Chapter 25 --

### Keep Yourself In God's Love

*Jude 1:21*

*Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Why are we admonished by the Lord to keep ourselves in the love of God? Because God's love is divine security and a guarantee that we will make heaven at the end of our journey here on earth. let's look at it closely.

God's love offers two things:

#### **#1. Divine Security**

Looking at this grammatically, the word used in our text is "Keep". And as used in the context of this scripture, it means ***to preserve***. For instance in **Numbers 6:26**, it says:

***"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: "***

That means the Lord bless thee and **preserve** thee. Now in our main text, it says to "***Keep yourselves in the love of God...***"; which implies that to be preserved in a wicked world in which we live, one needs to stay in the love of God. The Love of God will keep (preserve) you.

Now let us see from God's Word, how the love of God can preserve the believer. First, we look at **1<sup>st</sup> John 4:16**. It says:

***"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. "***

It is very clear that when we dwell in love, we're dwelling in God and God in us. Now that offers a double edged protection: you're in God and God in you. That makes us unbeatable in any battle of life, untouchable/unassailable by any adversary. As Paul the Apostle boldly declared in **Romans 8:31** that "***...if God be for us, who can be against us?***". That means nothing can come against you and survive. As we have seen already, when you dwell in love, you're in God. So whatever comes against you, comes against God. And whatever comes against God will be crushed. Because, ***He's "...the Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle" (Psalm 24:8)***. He is the unbreakable Rock (**Deuteronomy 32:4&31, 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2:2**). Anyone and anything that comes against Him is broken into pieces and when He lands on anything it is grounded to powder (**Matthew 21:42&44**). This is great security

for the redeemed. Now let's examine one more scripture to conclude this point.

### Ephesians 3:17-19

- (17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*
- (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;*
- (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

When we're rooted and grounded in God's love, we're filled with all the fullness of God. And when you're filled with God, you're no more an ordinary human being; you have become a divine personality in human flesh (walking the earth). That makes you untouchable, 'unmolestable' and indestructible by any force. It's a fully-loaded security, unmatched anywhere in this world.

Just two examples from scripture to show for it. We're told how that **Abraham** the great lover of God, rallied his little army of only 318 men and routed an enemy troop of several thousands, beating them hands down and recovered his cousin who had been taken captive (*see Genesis 14:1-17*). It's too clear from the account that it was God Himself that went to battle for His lover (Abraham) that day, as there is no human explanation for such a feat. We're also told how God executed vengeance on the household of a heathen king for taking Abraham's wife (*See Genesis 20*).

We also have the example of king David a man proclaimed by God Himself as a man after His own heart (*1 Samuel 13:14/Act 13:22*). It is clear from all scriptural accounts that this unusual lover of God never lost a battle in all his lifetime (including all his 40 years reign as king)--indeed, everyone that was an adversary to David perished.

The love of God is a mysterious mystery in the kingdom. Among many other things, it offers the greatest security for the believer. So why don't you sign up for God's love today and join this army of the untouchables.

#2. Besides God's preservation, the other blessing that God's love offers is **an assurance that we will make Heaven at the end of our journey**

let's look at our opening scripture again. It says to "*Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal Life"* - *Jude 1:21*. In other words, keep yourselves in the love of God because eternal life is at stake. To help our understanding, let's examine a few scriptures.

*Romans 6:23:*

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

"...The wages of sin is death...", speaking of eternal death which is eternal separation from God which results in the second death (in the lake of fire). That is contrasted by the gift of God which is eternal life (through Jesus Christ), which qualifies for eternity with Christ and God in heaven.

Now *John 3:16* says:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*

Having everlasting life, which is the same as eternal life ensures that you do not perish (in the lake of fire). That implies you'll make heaven.

In effect, whatever it takes to keep the flow of eternal life (everlasting life) is key to making heaven at the end of our journey on earth. From our main text, we see that it will take the love of God to maintain that flow (the flow of eternal life). As previously explained, the lord was admonishing us, to keep ourselves in the love of God because eternal life is at stake. Now let's look at a few more scriptures to confirm this truth.

In *1<sup>st</sup> John 4:21*, it says:

*And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.*

That means loving our brother (or neighbour) is loving God (see also *1John 4:12*).

*1<sup>st</sup> John 3:15* also reads:

*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

From the above text, it is clear that outside of God's love, one is cut off from eternal life and will suffer the same fate as a murderer

(I.e. the lake of fire). This is why we're admonished by the Lord to keep ourselves in the love of God so as to keep/maintain the flow of eternal life in our spirits and secure heaven at the end of our journey (you cannot miss heaven walking in love or loving God). This is the reason the love of God will be under great attack in these last days according to bible prophesy/predictions. It says in the last days iniquity shall abound so much so the love of many (for God) will wax cold (**see Matthew 24:3&12**). It says many will become lovers of their own selves and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God (**see 2Timothy 3:1, 2&4**).

In essence, the lack or absence of love for God manifested in selfishness among others is a trap, weapon or bait of the enemy to lure many souls into hell in his fierce battle for souls in these last days. Therefore the wisdom of God said to keep ourselves in the love of God so as to maintain the flow of eternal life (I.e. maintain our salvation) and as such secure our place in heaven at the end. You shall not miss your place in Jesus name.

Now let us try to understand better what the love of God is. According to scripture, it is:

- ❖ Loving God's people and humanity at large (seeking the salvation of the lost)
- ❖ Loving God's kingdom (seeking to advance His kingdom with our time, prayer, energy and resources)
- ❖ It is loving time alone in God's presence (in word study, prayer, praise and worship)
- ❖ It's loving time in God's house (fellowship with God's people)
- ❖ God's love is a hatred for sin/evil (iniquity) and love for righteousness/godliness

May the Love of God distinguish you in this end time. Meanwhile, salvation or new birth is our first encounter with the Love of God. No one can walk in love without knowing God who is love Himself. Receiving Jesus Christ the son of God as our lord and saviour (which is salvation or new birth) is receiving the Love of God.

*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. – 1John 4:9*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life* - John 3:16

If you desire this encounter, then let us pray:

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## -- Chapter 26 --

### Two Keys to Outstanding Success in Life

#### **#1. Discover God's Plan for your Life**

This is also known as vision. And vision is not making our own plans; it is God's design but man's discovery. It is the manufacturer that determines the functions of a product. So first and most important key to success is to find out what God, your manufacturer, wants you to do. When Saul of Tarsus (who became Paul the Apostle) encountered God on the way to Damascus (on the way to do what he was not assigned by God to do), he asked the right question: ***“...Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?...”*** (*Act 9:6*) Every right question deserves a right answer, so eventually he was told what to do, and that chart the course for his life—he had a vision to run with. So begin to ask the right question. “Lord what is your plan for my life?” “What do you want me to do?” That's the question that will decide your destiny.

God said in *Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)*,

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

A different version of the same scripture says:

*I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans of welfare and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Then He continues in verses twelve (12) and thirteen (13) (KJV) :

*(12) Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.*

*(13) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

So begin to seek God for that plan today.

#### **#2. Get Committed to Living By This Divine Plan**

There's no way anyone can miss the road to true success pursuing God's plan for their lives.

And what makes following God's plan or vision so key to Success?  
When we follow God's plan,

✧ We Enjoy Divine Provision

After Jesus sent His disciples on on a mission, at their return, He asked them a vital question:

***“...When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said nothing” (Luke 22:35)***

That means for every divine vision/assignment, there's a divine allocation in terms of provisions to carry out the assignment (or provisions to meet the demands of the assignment). When God gives you a vision to run with, He becomes responsible for meeting all your needs in pursuit of that vision/assignment. That is why it is impossible to suffer lack when you're following God's plan for your life. There's always a timely supply to meet all demands of the assignment. It is quite interesting because before Jesus sent the disciples, He asked them not to carry anything in terms of provision. That means all the provision for the assignment is in the assignment. It is already allocated, so disbursements are made as and when the need arises. That's why a man or woman on a divine mission enjoys rest (he/she does not need to worry about provision).

Following up on Apostle Paul's mission, for instance, we saw that he committed himself to the preaching of the gospel which was the assignment that the Lord had given him (see Act 13:46-47). And as he did so, he never lacked. In one instance, scripture records:

#### *Act 28:30-31*

***(30) And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,***

***(31) Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.***

As long as he was committed to God's plan for his life, God's provision was enough to afford a residential quarters (a “***hired house***”) where he preached the gospel for two (2) whole years. As you commit to God's plan for your life, expect God's abundant provisions meeting all your needs in Jesus name. Amen.

Next,

#### **✧ We Enjoy Divine Backing**

When God sends anyone on a mission, He backs them up to ensure that they succeed.

What ways does God back you up on a divine mission?

When you're running any errand for God, **He works with you** to ensure that the mission does not fail. For instance, when the disciples of Jesus went about pursuing the great commission to preach the gospel as committed to them by the master, bible says:

*“...the Lord [was] working with them, and confirming the word with signs following...” (Mark 16:20, paraphrased).*

It is impossible for God to fail at anything, and He works with you on the mission he sends you on; so it's absolutely impossible that you fail. That's why when pursuing divine plan, you become a super, mega success.

Not only does God work with you, **He also works in you**. **Philippians 2:13** says:

*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

Because God works in you, your capacity for performance is boosted. You're not running with your own energy, skill or wisdom anymore. You have “borrowed” God's own. So there are things you'll be able to accomplish that may be humanly impossible explain.

Then also **God works for you** as He backs you up in the divine assignment. It says in **1st Thessalonians 5:24**:

*Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

In other words, God who has called you for that assignment is so faithful that He will also do it for you. When you have reached your own limits (humanly speaking), He takes over from there.

#### ❖ We Enjoy Divine Protection and Preservation

The beautiful thing about running with a vision from God is that when God sends anyone on errand, He does not leave them to go alone. **He goes with them**. When Jesus commissioned the disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel, He followed up with this assurance; He said, *“...Lo I am with you always even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19-20).* And remember what Apostle Paul Said: *“...If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31.* God with you is enough assurance of protection--for God with you is God for you. So only

what can molest God will be able to molest you. Only what can touch God will be able to touch you. And tell me who or what that is? Why is this point so vital? Because often, anyone on the road to success will encounter road blocks, in terms of resistances or oppositions from the enemy. Once upon a time, Apostle Paul during his mission said, "*for a great door and effectual is open unto me and there are many adversaries*" (*1 Corinthians 16:9*). But the good news is that when you're running with God's plan, forget about the adversaries because they are no match for your God who goes with you. Leave the adversaries to Him; He'll take care of them (For further reading, See *Isaiah 45:1-3*, *Jeremiah 1:19*, *Isaiah 41:10-13*).

We said success begins with a discovery of God's plan for our lives. That means one must have a relationship with God to be able to access His plans and purposes. Jesus died for the sins of humanity to establish that relationship for us. Therefore, the salvation of one's soul is what it takes to establish an active relationship with our maker. In other-words, one needs to accept Jesus Christ as their lord and personal saviour, for that relationship to begin. If you desire to have this relationship with God so you can begin to talk to Him about your future, then let's pray:

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-- Chapter 27 --  
Understanding The Name Of Jesus

Proverbs 18:10

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

Phillipians 2:10

*That AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

Everything in the three realms of existence bows to the authority of the name of Jesus: in heaven (I.e. angels), in earth (all things animate and inanimate) and under the earth (I.e. devils). And everything contrary to God's agenda for us must bow to the name as it is mentioned in faith. In other-words sickness, disease, curses spells and enchantment, accident, death, misfortunes and everything diabolical. For instance, in Acts chapter three (3), we saw how a cripple walked by the authority of the name (likewise Acts 9:33-34). A great man of God shared his testimony of how he escaped death while riding a motorbike on a mountain road. As the motorbike suddenly headed for the cliff, he shouted "Jesus" and abruptly the bike stopped. But for the name, he would have met with sudden death, falling several hundred feet into the valley below. So the name is the believer's staff of authority.

Meanwhile, it is faith that makes the name to work. Apostle Peter gave us this revelation after the healing of the cripple in *Acts 3:16*:

*And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

We operate the name by faith. And faith is a product of spiritual understanding. It is understanding that begets faith. So it's important to understand the origin of the name or how the name came about.

So how did Jesus obtain such a powerful name; a name that every knee in the three (3) worlds must bow to?

**#1. By Inheritance**

*Hebrews 1:1-2/4:*

*God...Hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son...Being made so much better than the angels, as HE hath BY INHERITANCE OBTAINED a MORE EXCELLENT NAME than they.*

As the only begotten son of the Father, he took delivery of that name by inheritance.

*Proverbs. 13:22*

*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*

So the name is one of the Father's inheritance to the Son.

**#2. By Obedience**

*Philippians 2:8-11:*

*[8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and BECAME OBEDIENT unto death, even the death of the cross.*

*[9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and GIVEN HIM A NAME which is ABOVE EVERY NAME:*

*[10] That AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*[11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

God gave Jesus that all-powerful name because he was obedient even unto death.

**#3. By Conquest**

*Colosians 2:14-15*

*[14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*[15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

**Acts 2:27**

*Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

So Jesus went to hell to confront principalities and powers. On the third day he rose, victorious, having spoiled them; he made a mess of them. He emerged the champion! So God as a reward crown him with the name that is superior to any other name. It's an eternal victory, incontestable, unchallengeable and irrevocable.

That's why He's the head of all principalities and powers (Colosians 2:10) :

*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Colosians 2:10)*

He's the devil's master, and His name is an instrument of dominion that every devil must bow to. Every devil in hell must do obeisance to that Name: **Jesus**, because they recognize it as a settled authority over them. Next-time you are confronted by any contrary situation, all you need to do is to call that name with faith in your heart. Jesus is the reigning champion. There's no challenger anywhere under heaven. So you're secure with the Name.

For instance, Sickness and disease bows to the Authority of the Name. During an outreach years ago, we witnessed how an old lady using a walking stick left the stick and began to walk by herself as we kept mentioning the name of Jesus in faith. Halleluyah! Glory to God.

All other situations bow to that name. There was a boat accident years ago in one nation in West Africa, and while many perished, one christian brother survived because he shouted Jesus I refuse to die. And Jesus came to his rescue. Everything bows to the name, including accident or death. From now on, the name will work for you.

Meanwhile, the name also brings salvation or redemption. For without that, one does not have a legal right to use the name. Jesus said: *These signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall they cast out devils... (Mark 16:17)*;

That means the name of Jesus is to be used by believers. And one is not a believer until they are saved.

*Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

If you would like to receive salvation, please say this prayer:

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-- Chapter 28 --  
The Redeeming Power of Love  
(Wonders of God's Love)

*John 3:16 -17*

*[16] For God SO LOVED the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*[17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be SAVED.*

God's redemption/salvation plan was essentially rooted in love. God so loved humanity that from His place of glory, He saw them in their depraved (wretched) state and came down through His Son to show them love. So redemption is an act of God's love to humanity. He left His royalty & his deity behind and came down (from His high place) to identify with us in our fallen (sinful) state so He could pick us up again.

*Romans 5:8:*

*But God commendeth HIS LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

And Jesus said in *John 15:13*:

*GREATER LOVE hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Another word for Love is Compassion.

***"And He was moved with compassion..."*** is a common expression in relation to Christ and His works in the gospels (Matt 9:36, Mark 6:34).

**#1. The Compassion of Christ Causes Him to Forgive Sins**

In a parable that Jesus told on forgiveness of sins:

*Mathew 18:27*

*Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. (full account Matt 18:23-35).*

And Jesus is our Lord and personal Savior. He forgave us all our debts (sins) because he had compassion on us:

In **John 8:4-11** A woman caught in adultery “...in the very act...” was totally forgiven by Jesus. So it doesn’t matter the weight of your sin; Jesus will forgive you, so come to Him. He’s already paid the price for our sins:

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Zacheous was a tax collector who cheated people, yet Jesus forgave him. There is no sin that he cannot forgive. So run to Jesus today! Run into his loving arms. He will not condemn you.

**#2. The compassion of Christ causes Him to heal the sick**

**Mathew 14:14 :**

***And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was MOVED WITH COMPASSION toward them, and he HEALED their sick.***

**A Leper was cleansed:**

**Mark 1:41-41**

***(41) And Jesus, MOVED WITH COMPASSION, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.***

***(42) And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.***

In case you have a health challenge, by the compassion of Christ, your healing is established now in the name of Jesus.

**#3. The Compassion of Christ Causes Him to set the captives free**

After Jesus delivered the Mad man of the Gadarenes, he said to him:

**Mark 5:19**

***Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath HAD COMPASSION ON THEE. (full account in Matt 5:1-19)***

The compassion of Christ can set any captive free

Not less than 2,000 devils came out of that man. And Jesus said it's because He had compassion on him.

#4. The Compassion of Christ Causes Him to raise the dead (I.e. to turn hopeless situations around).

- ✓ The Dead Son of a **Widow in a city Called Nain** was raised back to life (Luke 7:11-15)

*Luke 7:13-15*

*(13) And when the Lord saw her, HE HAD COMPASSION on her, and said unto her, Weep not.*

*(14) And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

*(15) And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*

- ✓ The case of Lazarus

When **Lazarus** died, bible says, "**Jesus wept**" (John 11:35). And it's accounted of the Jews, they said:

*John 11:36 ...Behold how he LOVED him! (Full account in John 11:1-44)*

That means at the root of the miracle of raising of Lazarus from death to life was Compassion – That is, the Love of God at work. By the compassion of Christ, you will experience miracles in your life. I mean God will be bringing life into every dead issue of your life. In any situation considered hopeless, expect a miracle in the name of Jesus. They said to Jesus, if you had been here sooner, Lazarus would not have died. So to them, it was a hopeless case! But compassion (the Love of God) turned things around.

God's love is turning things around for you in the name of Jesus.

To experience God's love for yourself, you need to be born again. That is by accepting Jesus as your Lord and saviour. If you want this blessing, you can say this prayer.

**I believe Jesus died for my sins and I accept Him as my lord and Saviour; Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen.**

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## -- Chapter 29 --

### Steps to Victory in Any Battle of Life

Battles are normal to life but victory is certain for the child of God or believer.

1John 5:4

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and THIS IS THE VICTORY that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

While victory is certain, we must know how to attain it. So let's look at three steps to victory in any battle we may face in this life.

#### #1. Be Fearless

Fearlessness is a mystery of dominion in battle; what you fear will dominate you. What you don't fear, you dominate. Gods Word says this:

*"And IN NOTHING TERRIFIED BY YOUR ADVERSARIES: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God." - Philippians 1:28*

Do not be terrified by your adversaries . Your fearlessness scares the adversary. He begins to wonder: *"...what confidence is this in which you trust" (Isaiah 36:4).*

Bible says your fearlessness is a token of their perdition/destruction (speaking of your adversary), but to you of your salvation/rescue which is of God. To illustrate this point, we find a very interesting story in the old testament in the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings chapters Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19).

The heathen king of Assyria had previously besieged Samaria and taken Israel captive in the days of Hoshea King of Israel. The Lord had allowed this to happen because bible says, Israel did not obey the commandments of the Lord (see 2Kings 18:9-12). However, concerning Hezekiah, King of Judah, bible says:

*...HE CLAVE TO THE LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. - 2Kings 18:6*

And so about Hezekiah, King of Judah, bible says:

*And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 2Kgs 18:7*

Now Sennacherib, King of Assyria, thinking that it was by his military strength that he was able to take Samaria, now advanced against Hezekia, king of Judah who had rebelled against his regime and refused to serve him.

2Kings 18:19:

*And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, WHAT CONFIDENCE IS THIS WHEREIN THOU TRUSTEST?*

The adversary was boasting on his strength in battle:

2Kings 18:20

*Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?*

Then the adversary begins to issue threats, saying very blasphemous things against God's people and their God.

2Kings 18:27-30:

*[27] But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?*

*[28] Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:*

*[29] Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:*

*[30] Neither let Hezekiah make you TRUST IN THE LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.*

Yet King Hezekiah remained fearless:

*2Kings 18:33/35*

*[33] Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?*

*[35] Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?*

Very notorious treats and boastings, yet King Hezekiah remained fearless. Hear Hezekiah's response:

*"But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment [speaking of Hezekiah, King of Judah] was, saying, Answer him not" – 2Kings 18:36*

The enemy even gave us a clue to the secrete of Hezekiah's fearlessness. In Verse 30, he said:

*"Neither let Hezekiah make you TRUST IN THE LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us..."*

Trust or confidence in God is at the root of fearlessness which disarms the adversary.

**Psalm 125:1-3**

*[1] They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which CANNOT BE REMOVED, but abideth for ever.*

*[2] As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.*

*[3] For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity*

Trust or confidence in God makes you unmovable, unshakable, irremovable by any adversary. As Hezekiah maintains a position of fearlessness (rooted in his trust/confidence in God), God begins to respond.

**2Kings 19:5-7:**

*[5] So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.*

*[6] And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, BE NOT AFRAID of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.*

[7] *Behold, I will send A BLAST upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.*

God fulfilled His promise and sent an angel into the enemy's camp, and by day break One Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand (185,000) Assyrians were dead.

*2Kings 19:35*

*And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.*

That was not all, the king of the Assyrians himself who had intended the assault on God's people later perished at the hands of his own children (see 2Kings 19:36-37).

Fearlessness is an expression of confidence in God your defender which secures His interventions in battle. So whatever may come against you in your health, family, career, business or in any aspect of your life, the secrete number one is to remain fearless and you will see the intervention of God.

### **#2. Engage the Light**

God's word is light (Isaiah 60:1/John 1:1-5/Psalm 119:130). Every battle of life is raging from the realm of darkness, and light will always subdue darkness, anytime, any-day. **Second**, God's word which is light is the final authority on any issue of life. Because the Word made all things, all things bow to the authority of the word (the devil himself was made by the Word so he bows to the Word). Therefore, a word verdict on any matter will bring the matter to an end.

### **#3. Stay in Love with God**

What that means is that you must stay dedicated to God. This is because, all things will keep working together for good to those that love God. (*Rom 8:28*). That means any battle raging against you will work out for your good. Just like three (3) of Judah's enemies that came to battle against them in **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles chapter 20**, and when the battle turned against the adversaries, Judah gathered the spoils for three solid days. In other words, God used their enemies to enrich them. In like manner, every confrontation with your adversaries, will work out for your good because you love the Lord. Paul the apostle wrote in **Romans 8:35-37**

[35] *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

[36] *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

[37] *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

The Love of God burning hot in your heart, makes you more than conquerors in any battle that confronts you.

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Finally Zechariah 2:8-9 reads:

[8] *For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.*

[9] *For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.*

When you become dedicated to God through love, you become the apple of His eye, so that makes you untouchable.

Therefore, welcome to a life of victory from now on in Jesus name. Amen.

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## -- Chapter 30 --

### Encounter With The Great Physician

*Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, AS HE WAS TEACHING, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and THE POWER OF THE LORD WAS PRESENT TO HEAL THEM.*

The Power of God fell as Jesus was still teaching, not as he started praying for them. But while the teaching was on, the healing virtue was flowing.

So get set as this teaching is on, healing will be taking place as God's power will be hitting you right where you are.

Taking our text from **Matt 9:35**:

*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing EVERY SICKNESS and EVERY DISEASE among the people.*

There is no Medical doctor or medical facility that is able to find healing for every sickness and every disease. That's why some have gone to the hospital and never return. Rather, they ended up in the mortuary or morgue. And that's simply because the medical facilities involved could not find solution for their problem. Others have been asked to go home and wait for their fate, when nothing could be done about their case.

Yet we're told in the scripture that Jesus healed **Every** sickness and **Every** disease among the people. That's what makes Him the great physician. There's no single case he cannot handle!

In **Matt 12:15**, we're told that "*...Great multitudes followed him and He healed them All*".

That is, all of them were healed. Every single person that was challenged in their health that came to Him was healed.

**What makes Jesus the Great Physician?**

**#1. He Heals All Manner of Sickness and Diseases**

**Mathew 4:23**

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

**E. g.** From common cases like fever to complex cases like blindness/all kinds of eye problems, deafness/all kinds of hearing problems, paralysis, leprosy etc.

- ✓ In Luke 4, Peter's mother in law who had a severe fever was healed

#### *Luke 4:38-39*

*(38) And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.*

*(39) And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.*

- ✓ In Matthew 9, Two blind men were healed

*(27) And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.*

*(28) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.*

*(29) Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.*

*(30) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.*

- ✓ In Luke 5: A man full of Leprosy was healed:

*(12) And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*

*(13) And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.*

He heals what men term as terminal or incurable diseases such as cancer, Leukemia, HIV Aids, etc.

#### Testimonies:

Over the years we, have seen how Jesus healed people, with serious medical conditions like Hepatitis B, HIV and other blood related

problems. In one case a sister's marriage to a brother was delayed due to a blood related disease that defied all medical interventions. But after an encounter in a healing session, she went for medical checkup and the story had changed. There was no trace of the diseases in her body. The intending couple were now free to marry. Doctor Jesus fixed the issue of this daughter of God without stress.

**Where all human interventions has failed, Jesus can never fail!**

## **#2. He's an All-Specialist Doctor**

In the World, we have general doctors but in certain cases they refer to a specialist doctor to handle such cases. Example eye specialist, ear specialist, skin specialist, brain specialist (or neuro specialist), gynaecology and so on. But not so with Jesus. Jesus specializes in All Cases.

## **#3. With Jesus, There's no referral**

In our human health centers/facilities, cases are often referred to a higher medical facility when it's beyond their capacity to handle, either due to lack of expertise in an area or a lack of adequate facility. But it's good to know that there's no case that is beyond Jesus – He has all the expertise needed to handle just any case that is brought to Him.

## **#4. Jesus is the Only Surgeon that performs surgeries without a trace**

In **Luke 13**, There's a testimony of a woman that was bent over for 18yrs and could not lift up herself. But Jesus fixed her in a moment, and left no trace.

*[10] And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.*

*[11] And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.*

*[12] And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.*

*[13] And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

- ✓ The case of the woman with the issue of blood also may have needed surgery to correct the issue; in fact, according to

scripture, her case defied all medical input, yet in a moment, Jesus fixed her. (Luke 8:43-48)

**Testimonies:**

*- Years ago, there was a case of a baby that was born very weighty, but developed a complication after the circumcision was done where two urinary holes showed up. Also the child began to bleed profusely. Doctors managed to stop the bleeding after some wearisome efforts; however the situation of the two urinary holes remained. While doctors were still searching their books to know what to do, the parents decided to turn over the situation to Jesus. So we were called upon to pray. After prayer was made, next morning, when the parents open the diapers, supernaturally, the second urinary hole had disappeared. So the little baby boy now had one original passage for urine. What a Wonderful God we serve.*

I believe the issue would have required a special kind of surgery to correct, which perhaps was beyond the expertise of that hospital. But Doctor Jesus fixed it with ease.

**Jesus is a great surgeon:**

In Genesis 2, for instance we were told that God put the man to sleep, opened up his side, took a rib and made the woman; He left no trace of stitches in the side of the man.

And we're told,

*“...All things were made by Him [I. e. Jesus the word] and without him was not anything made that was made...”*— John 1:1-3/14

**“All things” were made by Him...**

*and that includes man. So Jesus was the surgeon we saw in Genesis 2.*

*And bible says: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever – Hebrews 13:8*

Therefore, I decree a visitation of the great physician in your health right now in the name of Jesus. Everywhere you may have been damaged in your health, the ministry of Jesus (the great physician) settles it for good now in the name of Jesus. At your next medical checkup, you'll return with a clean testimony of health in Jesus name.

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## -- Chapter 31 --

### Be Courageous

*2Chronicles 19:11B*

*“...Deal Courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good”*

Courage is a spiritual virtue that secures divine backing. That is, if you want to see God in action, then be bold, be courageous. On the contrary, fear or timidity invites the devil. However, courage invites God to intervene in our affairs. This applies to every aspect of our spiritual lives including prayer. In **Hebrews 4:16**, it says,

*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in in time of need.”*

If you will obtain God's help on the altar of prayer, then you must come boldly. In other-words, you must come courageously. You will get God's attention easily when you're courageous in prayer. By being courageous, you're simply expressing confidence in God's ability to do what you expect Him to do for you. And that pleases Him. It says in **Hebrews 10:35**: *“Cast not therefore away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.”*

In other words, your confidence, boldness or courage in your dealings with God (or in the affairs of life) will be rewarded--it carries a great reward.

For instance, when David came face to face with Goliath, he expressed confidence in the God He served, while others chickened out, He was courageous, so God stepped in and humiliated the adversary. (See 1 Samuel 17). As you express same confidence in the face of contrary issues of life, I see God stepping in to make a mess of the challenges and give you cheap victory every-time. Will you shout a loud Amen!

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